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Vale Show set fair for success!

Picture by GLYN EVANS

ABOVE: Preparing hopefuls for their big moment in the ring.

THE morning of the Vale Show dawned with organisers casting anxious glances towards the sky, as showers had been forecast over Fonmon yesterday (Wednesday).

However, visitors were not put off and, as the crowds settled in for a busy day taking in all the attractions, it soon became clear that any showers were going to be short-lived.

There was plenty of sunshine, too, and it was obvious that visitor numbers were going to be right up with previous good years, while especially popular were some of the new attractions.

The horticultural section – always popular – drew crowds to see the giant vegetable section.

Also popular was the poultry section, where there was plenty to see that was new.

Traders were busy in the craft and food marquees, as the Vale's premier rural event delivered the goods!

MP asks Post Office to 'think again' about Cowbridge

COWBRIDGE will continue to be without a post office until "the autumn" – Vale MP Alun Cairns has been told.

This rather inexact date was given to Mr Cairns by officials at the Post Office. He added that any chance of a temporary Post Office service in the town appeared to have gone.

He said that the Post Office had claimed that because of a "complex situation" with interested parties, a timescale of "the autumn" is realistic.

The MP had previously called for a temporary facility, similar to those that are set up at agricultural shows and summer festivals, but his request was rejected. As a result of the further delay, he has asked them to reconsider.

He said: "Local businesses and residents in the Cowbridge area are still left without an important facility.

"This further delay will be a blow to many, particularly pensioners and small businesses. Many older people aren't able to travel easily to other Post Offices elsewhere, and the delay in travelling can hit the bottom line to businesses.

"I have been told that they believe that they are close to agreement and I have again underlined the importance that a local independent shop receives priority over the national chains".

A Post Office spokesman has stated:" We would like to apologise to customers for the temporary closure of the branch and thank them for their patience as we work hard to find a way of reopening their service. We are now in discussions with a number of interested parties and are currently scoping their premises to assess space and suitability.

"Given the interest, we are confident that one of the current applicants will be in a position to progress and we would hope to see the service resume in the autumn.

"Any change of location would be subject to a period of public consultation," the spokesman concluded

Council's plea over Twt Park summer games

COWBRIDGE Town Council has issued a plea to keep Twt Park safe over the summer.

The problem is that older boys and girls are using the area for impromptu football kickabouts, and that skateboarders are also using the area.

In a letter in today's GEM (see page 2) town clerk Andrew Davies says that the park is designed for very young children, and that there are real safety concerns.

There are also concerns about cyclists in Twt Park and Poplar Park.

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'A huge thank you from Marie Curie hospice'

THE Marie Curie hospice at Penarth held its annual garden party last Saturday, and despite an unexpected deluge of rain, thunder and lightning halfway through the afternoon, it was great to still have such fantastic support from local people – who turned up regardless of the weather and helped us raise over £2,000, with more money still to come in.

The event was opened by Matt Johnson – TV presenter – who had a great time meeting local people and also visiting some patients and saying a thank you to the wonderful nursing staff at the hospice.

The usual stalls, such as cakes and books, did a great trade, as did the Rotary Club's bottle stall and everyone enjoyed the jazz band, playing 'You Are My Sunshine' in one of the heaviest downpours of the afternoon!

The fundraising team would like to say thank you to all local businesses for the many raffle prizes: Welsh Brothers catering butchers for the donation of a hog roast; Roadchef Magor for providing all refreshments, and RAF St Athan for providing tables and the manpower to put them up on the day!

We also want to say a huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers on the day – we really couldn't do it without this wonderful help.

We also still have a bottle of champagne here for the lucky programme winner (*number 134*.

If anyone has that number, please call into the fundraising office to claim your prize.

Our next event is Walk Ten at Margam Park on Saturday, August 16.

If anyone would like to come along, visit mariecurie.org.uk/margam or call 02920 426068

Karen Jones,
Hospice Fundraising Manager,
Marie Curie Hospice Cardiff & the Vale and SE Wales.

'Amazing £1,000 for town flowers'

AS Chair of Llanilltyd Fawr in Flower, I should like to reiterate how very grateful we are for the money raised from our recent collection.

I wish to thank the volunteers and local residents, as well as the many visitors from surrounding villages and those from much further afield, for their valuable contributions.

One elderly gentleman, for example, gave £2, saying: "I'm only here for the day but I've so loved the flowers;" and many young people contributed too.

I should also like to thank The GEM for publicising what we do. We have received more donations since the collection day, taking our final amount to over £1,000, which is beyond amazing, as this will pay for a third of our annual costs.

We wish to say a very big 'thank you' to everyone who has contributed so generously and trust your readers will enjoy next season's flowers that we can now purchase with confidence.

We plant them up in October so as to brighten the town through winter and spring until May, when we will plant the summer flowers all over again.

Tina Benfield
(Chair, Llanilltyd Fawr in Flower)

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Lack of investment behind Barry failures

MAY I start by congratulating The GEM on publishing two excellent letters from Councillor Rapier and Dennis Harkus last week?

Interestingly, Mr T Cox in the same edition reaches, in my view, the right conclusion – but is flawed in absolving the Vale Council from blame. Yes, Butlins and the Theatre Royal failed, in part due to lack of public support; however, both suffered from a lack of investment.

Butlins continue to trade successfully elsewhere, as do numerous cinemas. Turning to the Knap Lido, lack of investment was to blame in the closure of an amenity that had been allowed to fall into disrepair.

What Mr Cox should consider is why did Butlins choose to close its Barry operation, and why has the council failed to regenerate the area? There have been many hare-brained schemes suggested by the council but last time I visited, the land had been turned into a temporary car park.

The council has, in the past, rejected several plans to improve the dilapidated fair. I could go on.

Yes, of course, Barry has to compete with Cardiff – but the council has failed to convince business to invest in the town. Opportunity after opportunity has been missed.

Take for example, Pencoedtre Village and Rhoose Point: as part of planning consent, the developers had to set land aside for amenities such as gastro-pubs, shops etc.

What happened? The council merely allowed the developers to take the land set aside and build more houses.

The development at the Waterfront has been stop/start and no doubt the economic conditions have played a part in the last five years – but the development started years before the economic down turn.

So is the Vale Council to blame for the decline in the fortunes of Barry? In my view, yes.

Roll on a merger with Cardiff.

John A Turner,
Rhoose Point.

'Park not designed for skateboards'

I AM writing on behalf of the Town Council, regarding the Twt Park in Cowbridge, which is enjoyed by so many children of all ages.

Two aspects of play that sometimes take place in the park are those of football and skateboarding. Unfortunately, by the very nature of the size of the park and the number of very young children playing there, such activities are giving cause for concern on safety grounds.

Members of the Town Council would, therefore, like to draw attention to other play areas in the town which provide more suitable surroundings for such activities.

Adjacent to the Twt Park is Poplars Park which has an expanse of open grassland suitable for football and other ball games for the older primary and comprehensive school students.

At the Bear Field, next to the Leisure Centre, there is the football field, as well as a skateboard park, plus an enclosed area suitable for five-a-side/basketball.

In addition, there is an enclosed ball court/pitch on Broadway, which is a community facility and can be accessed by contacting either Ysgol Iolo Morganwg or Y Bont Faen schools during term time.

There are also other children's play areas at Brookfield Park Estate and at Millfield Drive.

On a separate issue, all paths that lead through Twt Park are designated footpaths and should not be used by cyclists who are requested to dismount and walk their bikes through the park in the interests of safety.

The only vehicles allowed into the park are those authorised by the Town Council, or that are servicing The Poplars residence and the occasional vehicle into the residence to the rear of the Grammar School.

Andrew Davies,
Town Clerk, Cowbridge with Llanblethian

'Don't knock the knockers'

IN reply to the letter from Mr T Cox in your August 7 edition, he seems to be taking a swipe at myself and another council 'knocker', just because we have once again had cause to criticise it.

Just what has the Vale Council done for us, the residents of the Vale? Mr Cox mentions a marvellous indoor pool provided by the council.

Who on earth wants to spend a hot afternoon stuck in a stuffy indoor pool, when we can sit outdoors and enjoy the warm weather?

He also mentions various locations that were privately owned, i.e.The Knap Lido, Theatre Royal Cinema and Butlins. If my memory serves me right, the council were requested by the public to take on these establishments, but refused. The nearest cinema now is in Cardiff.

Mr Cox should also understand that the Vale Council offices and debating chamber are owned by us, the public, yet the Vale Council can spend over £250,000 to make it more comfortable for themselves.

D J Radford,
Barry.

'Cut the risk of diabetes'

I AM writing to let your readers know that up to 80 per cent of Type 2 diabetes cases could be delayed or prevented – by eating more healthily and getting more exercise.

Residents may be inspired by BBC Wales' recent Live Longer Wales season of programmes to make some positive changes to benefit their health.

The series takes a look at some of the biggest health threats that we have here in Wales, including being overweight, eating unhealthily and not getting enough exercise.

These are all factors that can increase your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. But, by taking a look at the BBC series and website, or visiting Diabetes UK Cymru's website, you can pick up lots of easy and practical ways you can make changes that could help you live a longer, healthier life and also reduce your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes.

Finding out your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes is easier than you may think. You can visit our Roadshow bus, which is currently travelling across Wales giving people risk assessments, use our online risk assessment tool or speak to your GP.

For more details, visit www.diabetes.org.uk. It could be the best thing you ever do for your health.

Dai Williams,
(National Director Diabetes UK Cymru, Tel 02920 668276).

'STOP PUPILS BRINGING SCHOOL INTO DISREPUTE'

TODAY, I look aghast at schoolboys who invade the town during lunch breaks and after school hours, wearing their shirts outside their trousers, with their collars open and ties askew.

When I was a pupil at Cowbridge School, we were proud to wear the school uniform in and out of school, and prefects patrolled the town to ensure that the proud traditions of the school were upheld. They had little cause to worry!

Today's behaviour by a small number of pupils brings the school into disrepute. The correct wearing of the uniform is an essential part of the ethos of a school which has proud traditions, with its fine academic and sporting achievements.

I look forward to the head, staff and parents enforcing these rules and upholding the high standards we have come to expect from the town's school.

JH Evans,
Cowbridge.

Tory AM replies to poll critics

FOLLOWING a recent poll that indicated Vale residents were against a merger between the Cardiff and Vale councils, a couple of letters were received by last week's GEM, which I feel is only right that I respond to.

As a regional Assembly member for South Wales Central, I have the privilege of representing a region that encompasses Cardiff, Rhondda Cynon Taf and the Vale of Glamorgan and I can see the challenges and success experienced by all three local authorities.

Cardiff is unique due to its successful development as a city, thanks in part to the Cardiff Bay regeneration scheme which was brought forward by the Conservative Government of the 80s, and the capital city status ensures that it is a major attraction.

One letter proposed that the Vale should have 20 councillors, instead of the 27 it currently holds.

Therefore, if a merger between Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan were to take place, you would have a scenario where two thirds of the sitting council would be representing areas in Cardiff.

When deciding the direction and allocation of vital resources, where do we think they would end up? I leave you, the readers, to draw your own conclusions.

It is up to the electors of the Vale to decide if they would like local representatives to speak up for the Vale of Glamorgan, or do we want to return to the old South Glamorgan County Council, which by any measure was not a resounding success.

Andrew RT Davies,
South Wales Central AM
****The writer is Leader of the Welsh Conservatives.***

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 21)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
14 Thur	09.44	10.3	22.07	10.4
15 Fri	10.26	9.9	22.48	9.7
16 Sat	11.11	9.4	23.32	9.2
17 Sun	11.54	8.7		
18 Mon	00.21	8.5	12.49	8.1
19 Tues	01.24	7.9	13.58	7.7
20 Wed	02.48	7.6	17.31	7.7
21 Thur	04.04	7.8	16.41	7.9

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Cowbridge sisters' 1,000k run to highlight human trafficking

Emma and Melisa in Albania

FLYING THE WELSH FLAG
...Aled, Melisa, and Tom.

RECENTLY, two ex-Cowbridge students ran 1,000 km in 10 days across Europe, to raise awareness of human trafficking.

Emma Gooding and her sister Melisa, joined by Aled Power and Tom Cronin, from Cardiff, joined 12 others to start the journey from Sofia, Bulgaria, in July, running in relay to Rome.

Emma was responsible for organising the run, as part of her work with Oasis Brussels, whose mission is to help victims of human trafficking and raise awareness within the European Commission and Parliament.

There were many adventures and challenges en route, including torrential rain, broken gearbox and rerouting around Macedonia!

Emma will present the adventure and talk about people trafficking at Costa Coffee, Cowbridge, from 7pm on Wednesday, August 20.

In the 10 days, the group had many experiences. One highlight was an interview by Albanian TV for 20 minutes, where Emma was able to warn young women of how easy it is to become coerced into being trafficked, followed by further interviews on Vision Plus.

Following university, Emma has worked with the Welsh Government anti-human trafficking department and then moved to work with Oasis in Brussels in October 2013.

The Western Front Association holds Cowbridge exhibition

THE Western Front Association's south Wales branch will be holding an exhibition in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge on Saturday, September 6, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War.

The exhibition will consist of a display of various artefacts, a medal collection, a short slide show and several re-enactors in uniform.

Researchers will be available to offer advice and assist anyone searching for their lost relatives who served in the conflict.

Admission is free – open from 10.30am – 5.30am.

The memorial which the Western Front Association commissioned and paid for more than 25 years ago. It was sculpted by David Petersen.

Art student wins Cowbridge prize

Pictured are: Judge Regine Williams; first prizewinner Craig Ollerton; highly commended student Spencer Penn; and Maureen Frost of Cowbridge Arts Group.

CARDIFF and Vale College student Craig Ollerton has won this year's Cowbridge Art Group annual prize and two other CAVC students were highly commended.

The 30-year-old from Cardiff was presented with £100 and a certificate by judge Regine Williams and Maureen Frost, on behalf of the group. Craig, who has just completed his WJEC Foundation diploma in art & design, won over the judges with his 'Gateway to Wales' poster; part of a graphics project promoting the country as a tourist destination.

The highly commended students also received certificates. Foundation degree in ceramics student Spencer Penn (42) from Penarth, was praised for his hand-thrown ceramics; and 20-year-old Level 3 art & design student Sami Shah was commended for his fashion brand promotional poster.

CAVC art & design lecturer Adrian Metcalfe said: "The judge, Regine Williams, stressed the difficulty in making the decision, due to the high quality of all the work on display.

"She felt all students were worthy of commendation and that the show demonstrated the high level of ability across Cardiff and Vale art & design courses."

Cowbridge U3A holds AGM and groups' fair

COWBRIDGE U3A held its annual general meeting on August 6, when John Hopkins, after 15 years stalwart service, handed over the role of treasurer to Pat Copley and was thanked by the members for his care and diligence.

The subscription fee has not risen for four years and the accounts have a healthy balance.

Patricia Mears was re-elected as chair, in her acceptance speech noted the need for members to consider volunteering to fill committee positions next year, when elections are due.

The difficulty of finding car parking spaces in Cowbridge was also raised. Following her nomination, Maura Bennett was co-opted on to the committee.

After the AGM, members were entertained with a topical selection of World War One songs by the Singing for Pleasure Group, accompanied on the piano by Peggy Garner-Smith.

Al total of 27 interest groups (including a new food section) were represented at the lively group's fair which followed.

Cowbridge U3A will celebrate its 20th birthday in 2015 and to mark this occasion, it is proposed to prepare a short history of the organisation in booklet form.

The next meeting will be a talk by Viv Head, entitled: 'New Zealand Uncovered', at 2pm on Wednesday, September 10 in Cowbridge Town Hall.

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HEROES BARBECUE IS POSTPONED

A HELP for Heroes barbecue scheduled for this weekend at Llantwit Major Rugby Club (Sunday, August 17) has been postponed.

The town's events committee said they had had to make the decision due to circumstances beyond their control, and would announce a new date in the future.

Garden centre

AFTER many weeks of various rumours as to the future of the former Llangan garden centre, work has actually begun.

Heavy machines have begun clearing the site of waist-high weeds and the huge mounds of sawdust which have remained from the fallen trees.

Great care will need to be taken when the children from Fferm Goch begin walking along the path to Llangan School at the start of September.

Road repair

WELL done to everyone involved in the resurfacing of the road at Park Newydd, which was completed by midday!

Saron service

THE service which took place on Sunday, August 10 was well attended.

A warm welcome was extended to Fferm Goch residents Gloria and Tom Harry, who is a relative of the officiating cleric Mr Trevor Harry.

Local funeral

THE funeral took place at the Mid Glamorgan Crematorium, Coychurch, on August 8 of Mrs Susan Thomas of Ruthin, St Mary Hill.

Many mourners came from the farming fraternity, both local and elsewhere in the Vale.

Our thoughts are with the family at this unhappy time.

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SPOT THE FACES FROM SCHOOLDAYS PAST!

ABOVE AND BELOW: These fascinating images were taken by Buchanan, Portslade, Sussex at Cowbridge Girls High School in 1971 and recently turned up in the loft of an Abergavenny resident, Mr Nick Tatam! If you recognise yourself, or anyone in the school photo, and can tell us more, please contact the editorial department at The GEM (see page 2 for details).

Colleagues Katie Brown, Chris King and Hannah Bell prepare to mark the society's 150th anniversary with a cash giveaway.

CHARITIES' CHANCE TO SHARE WINDFALL

COWBRIDGE residents are being invited to join Yorkshire Building Society's 150th anniversary celebrations by nominating small charities and good causes in their community to receive a share of £150,000.

The society's charitable foundation has made available – £1,000 for every year the society has been in existence.

The public is asked to nominate a charity or good cause between August 18-23.

Jon Tucker, manager of the Cowbridge branch, said: "We're all really excited to get involved in the society's 150 year celebrations and to have our branch be part of a £150,000 giveaway that could help benefit our local community is just brilliant."

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Tractor spills shed load of hay

THIS was the scene last Friday (August 8) when a tractor towing a trailer laden with hay bales, failed to negotiate a corner on the outskirts of Cowbridge.

The accident occurred around 11.30am at the Westgate end of town, at the junction with Llantwit Major Road.

A witness told The GEM that the tractor had been coming from the Llantwit direction, coming down the hill and turning left towards the A48.

Surprisingly, the incident did not cause total gridlock in the town, although there were delays for drivers until about 3pm.

• ***The pictures were taken by GEM reader Mr Harry Hailes.***

Llantwit events group lays plans

LLANTWIT MAJOR Events Committee has organised seven events in just over a year and is offering help to people who want support in getting their event off the ground.

The chairman, Byron Evans, said: "Last year, we arranged the Victorian Fayre, the Christmas light up – we've also organised an ABBA night, a fashion show and the latest summer fair.

"Money raised has gone back in to future events and we have also generated funds for charities such as Breast Cancer Care.

"We hope that the events are improving the town's profile and, with continuity of organisation, things will get more ambitious."

Individuals, local organisations and Llantwit people have responded enthusiastically to the committee's efforts over the last 14 months.

Byron explained that the events committee had considered the possibility of marking the World War One centenary, but it was conscious that commemoration rather than celebration was appropriate.

Byron made this offer: "If there are people in the town who have an idea for an event, we are more than happy to talk to them, and go ahead with research to see if it is possible to go ahead.

"We are desperate for a good website, so if there is anyone in the town who could help build one, we would be delighted to hear from them."

He said he also wanted to take the opportunity to pay tribute to a key volunteer, the late Carolyn Risby: "She was always a massive help – particularly in the early phases when we were struggling to raise money.

"If she could help, she would. She also assisted other local organisations such as Major Music and the Lions. Her passing leaves a real void."

Shampan scoops a Tiffin award

HEAD chef MK Shalik from the Shampan restaurant in Cowbridge, has been presented with a certificate and embroidered jacket after being highly commended in the prestigious 2014 Tiffin Cup competition.

The Tiffin Cup champion was chosen from a shortlist of 13 restaurants in July, each representing their region of Britain, in a grand final cook-off at the House of Commons.

The restaurant had been nominated by Alun Cairns MP, who made the presentation.

Mr Cairns said: "It was a pleasure to present Mr Shalik from Shampan in Cowbridge with the certificate and gift in recognition of the efforts of the staff in the popular restaurant during the Tiffin Cup. They were unfortunate not to win this year, but I hope to help them compete again in 2015."

CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Local businessman turned detective to catch fraudster

A BARRY businessman who hired out vans "suspected a plot" when a customer called him to say he had been involved in a collision when driving one of his vehicles.

Christopher Baker's actions led to a man and his stepsister being sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court for their involvement in a staged road traffic accident.

Steven Phillips (62), unemployed, of Powys View, Barry, and Terrina Downes (57), of Glanfa Dafydd, Barry, each admitted a charge of fraud at Cardiff Crown Court.

Phillips, described by Recorder Paul Lewis QC as the prime mover, and who had recruited Downes to assist him, was sentenced to a community order involving 200 hours unpaid work.

Downes also received a community order involving supervision for six months and 100 hours unpaid work.

Phillips was ordered to pay Mr Baker £1,000 compensation and Downes must pay £500.

Said the Recorder: "The circumstances of this fraud demonstrate a degree of foresight and planning. Fortunately, this fraudulent claim was not to succeed."

He said there was real public concern about the false stating of road traffic accidents which drove up premiums for honest motorists.

Prosecutor David Thomas said Mr Baker was a young businessman who rented out five vans from his premises in Barry.

Phillips hired a van overnight on January 9, taking it at 4.45pm.

At 7.10pm, Mr Baker received a telephone call from Downes to say there had been an accident and Downes' vehicle had been hit from behind on Ffordd-y-Millennium, Barry, by a van driven by Phillips.

Mr Baker became suspicious because Downes had not hired the vehicle. He tried to contact Phillips, but was unable to.

Unknown to the defendant, there was a tracker on the van and Mr Baker found the parked vehicle with damage.

Phillips later said: "I am in shock, I'm in Cardiff."

Mr Baker made more enquiries and suspected a plot.

He discovered the van had been in a secluded area near Barry dock for four minutes. He went to the area and found debris from the van and believed it was the location of the collision.

A week later, Phillips filled in an accident report form saying he had driven into the back of Downes' vehicle, and it was his fault. The insurance company confirmed and investigated, and it was reported to the police.

Phillips told officers he had been moving furniture and it was a legitimate accident. He said it had taken place on Ffordd-y-Millennium. Downes also said it was there.

She was later prescribed painkillers by her doctor and said she had probably received a whiplash injury.

The court heard that Mr Baker had suffered a £2,555 loss, and had sleepless nights and consulted a doctor because of stress.

He also said he believed he had been targeted and that the behaviour of Phillips was callous.

The court heard that Phillips had convictions for 82 offences, including making a false £4,600 insurance claim for the loss of jewellery.

His counsel, Kevin Seal, said: "His antecedent history does him no credit. He became involved in this because of his financial predicament.

"There was a lack of sophistication and he fears prison. His last offence was 10 years ago."

Solicitor Adam Sharp, for Downes, said: "She played a lesser role and her motive was not financial. She acknowledges it was an extremely foolish enterprise. The actual damage to her vehicle cost £300.

"In the past," he added, "she had overcome tragedy and the case has had a salutary effect on her."

Each was ordered to pay £60 victim surcharge.

Man is jailed for 'despicable and cruel' theft

AN elderly widower was "devastated" when his next door neighbour, whom he regarded as a friend, stole approximately £6,000 from his life savings which he had put aside for his funeral expenses.

The victim, Ronald Watkins, 87, broke down in tears when he discovered the theft, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Simon Orton, 52, was jailed for two years after pleading guilty to a charge of burglary.

Recorder Paul Lewis QC told Orton, of Verona Place, Barry: "I have no doubt that your offending was pre-planned and you targeted your neighbour. It was despicable and cruel."

He added: "The offence was aggravated by it being a breach of trust."

Prosecutor David Thomas said Mr Watkins had lived at his address for 52 years. Orton lived next door.

On May 22, Mr Watkins went to his bedroom to collect money from a box where he kept his life savings, which he had put aside for his funeral.

When he opened the box, said Mr Thomas, he became distraught and broke down in tears, because all that remained was £1,200.

He contacted the police and his family, and shortly after, officers spoke to Orton, who was smelling of cannabis, and the allegation was put to him.

He said: "Yes, I took it, it's over there."

Underneath the cushion, the police found £480 and in Orton's wallet was £20.

Orton apologised and when he was taken from his home, saw Mr Watkins and said: "Sorry, Ron."

He said he had known his neighbour for 23 years and had actually decorated the bedroom from where he stole the money over a period of five weeks.

He said he had no money at the time, a relationship had broken down and he had spent it on food, cannabis and alcohol.

Mr Watkins indicated he had taken 10 years to save the cash, and in the past had loaned the defendant money to buy wine.

He said his reaction was that he was "totally devastated" by the experience.

Adam Sharp, for Orton, said: "He is selling his house for £40,000 and there is already an interested buyer. He expects to repay Mr Watkins and he does not wish to remain in the area.

"He was always forthright with the police. His remorse is genuine and he feels utterly ashamed. It was totally out of character.

"At the time, he was drinking a great deal and smoking cannabis daily. It was a heavy fall from grace."

Orton was ordered to pay Mr Watkins £5,300 compensation and a victim surcharge of £100.

Llantwit archer wins record third world championship

Left to right: Steven Coleman, 3rd place USA; Mat Symmonds, 1st place, Wales UK; Rait Ots, 2nd place, Estonia.

LLANTWIT MAJOR-born archer Mathew Symmonds has written himself into the record booksafter he won the IFAA World Field Archery Championships for a record third time.

The tournament took place near Sioux City, South Dakota in the United States. Symmonds also took gold at the 2008 World Championships in Namibia, and again in 2010 in Germany, and won the silver medal in Argentina in 2012.

This latest victory makes the local archer the first to win three World Championships in the Recurve Freestyle division.

The tournament consisted of five gruelling rounds of field archery which test the archers both in terms of accuracy and endurance. Mat started off the tournament well by taking the lead during round one.

However, round two saw torrential rain, which is rare in South Dakota during August. While Mat coped well with the weather conditions, the rain caused a technical problem with his bow which caused his scoring rate to drop off, allowing second placed Rait Ots, of Estonia to narrow his lead.

Symmonds came back well in round three to increase his lead again. Round four saw temperatures of over 90 degrees Fahrenheit and 100 per cent humidity which caused some of the competitors to flag.

However, Symmonds, who has a history of performing well in very hot weather, used the conditions to his advantage, building a huge score during the penultimate round.

With similar conditions in the fifth and final round, the Welsh archer again pushed the lead out to land the championship in spectacular fashion.

After the tournament, Mat commented: "I am really pleased with my performance this time around. I was aware of the high temperatures and humidity that are typical in this part of the world in the summer and I trained hard to ensure that I was ready for this and able to maintain my scoring average.

"Everything went to plan and I am really pleased to be bringing the gold medal home for Wales!"

Mat began shooting in 1984 aged 10 and won his first international cap for Wales at 13. Since then he has gone on to make 158 international appearances, captained the Welsh team 80 times between 2004 and 2012 and has won 26 international titles, making him the most successful Welsh archer of all time.

Throughout this time, Mat has remained a member of Llantwit Major Archery Club, where his archery career began. He will next be in action at the GNAS Welsh Field Archery Championships in September at Ton Pentre, where he will defend his Welsh Championship title.

Stacey Richards

'Innocent man' had cheekbone fractured in a street attack

ALCOHOL-fuelled violence in Porthcawl resulted in a totally innocent man suffering a fractured cheekbone, which required the insertion of two metal plates.

For what was described as "a vicious, unprovoked, gratuitous attack", Ellis Perks appeared at Cardiff Crown Court and was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment, suspended for two years.

Perks, of Gibbons Way, North Cornelly, was also ordered to carry out 200 hours unpaid work and to pay his victim, Andrew O'Brien, £750 compensation.

He pleaded guilty to a charge of inflicting grievous bodily harm.

Said Judge Tom Crowther QC: "Mr O'Brien was absolutely blameless. This was a disgraceful episode."

Prosecutor Julian Greenwood said that on the night of October 13 last year, Mr O'Brien and a friend, Owain Davies, had a night out in Porthcawl.

In one bar, they saw Perks who shouted: "What are you looking at?"

He later said he was going to knock out the two men.

They went outside and were followed by Perks, who offered Mr O'Brien the chance to throw the first punch. He refused.

Perks then pushed him into the road and delivered "a very powerful punch" to his head.

Mr O'Brien was taken to Morriston Hospital where two metal plates were put into his fractured left cheekbone.

When arrested said Mr Greenwood, Perks said he had been drunk but would not accept he was the aggressor.

The victim, a bricklayer, said he had lost seven weeks' employment and had struggled to pay his mortgage.

He added that he was not sleeping properly, was taking very strong painkillers and could not handle being in a crowd, with the result that he could not use his season ticket to watch Cardiff City.

He also said he had become withdrawn and feared for his safety.

John Ryan, for Perks, said: "One punch was delivered. There has been real contrition and he is disgusted and ashamed.

"He is trusted and is hardworking. This is his first conviction for violence."

Much of the time, he said, he took care of his invalid father.

Barry man's charity climb

LOCAL dentist and Barry RFC team manager Ken Chow will be heading to Tanzania on Saturday, August 16, in an attempt to reach the summit of Kilimanjaro, which at 5,895m, is Africa's highest peak.

He will be doing so to raise money for his charity of choice, Bridge2Aid, which provides community and dental care in the poorest areas of East Africa.

He has already raised more than £5,000, but if you want to sponsor him, please visit http://www.justgiving.com/kenchow.

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LOCAL RACEHORSE TRAINER PLANS TO BUILD ON LAST YEAR'S SUCCESSES

Report: **BRIAN LEE**
Photographs:
MIKE WILCOCK

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan had more than 300 visitors to his highly successful fifth annual Owners' Day at Pant Wilkin Stables recently.

And all his stable staff did him proud by helping out and making everyone welcome.

Carole David, who runs the office, was cheerfully making cups of tea or coffee for the early arrivals and as well as seeing horses, which cost many thousands of pounds, being paraded, visitors had the chance of seeing some of them going through their paces on Tim's new two-furlong circular canter.

The highlight of the day for many people was the demonstration of a young horse being lunged, backed and ridden.

Tim also introduced his new assisant trainer Jonathan Phillips, who is well known to hunt-racing enthusiasts in the Vale, to his owners.

And as for his riders, Tim said: "Richard Johnson is still riding at the top of his form, while Mikey Byrne is looking to build on an excellent conditional season last year.

"He will now compete as a fully-fledged professional alongside Aidan Coleman and Dougie Costello, who will continue to ride plenty of horses for us this year.

"Alan Johns and Jason Kiely now have the opportunity to make it as conditional jockeys based at the yard, while amateurs Bradley Gibbs and Evan David both had very successful point-to-point and hunter chase seasons.

"Andrea Kelly and Alex Lopushanskyy make up our long-standing travelling team who spend many hours behind the wheel and are well known to our owners up and down the country."

Tim is certainly looking forward to the future and says: "Having established our reputation as one of the leading jump yards in the country, the focus has now shifted from quantity to quality.

"Watch this space!"

Alf (93) goes to a poignant reunion with Desert Rats

ABOVE: Alf Jackson marching with comrades....

...and back in Llantwit.

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

A LLANTWIT MAJOR war veteran is reflecting on a poignant and nostalgic weekend – when he was invited to a reunion of the Desert Rats.

Alf Jackson, a very sprightly 93-year-old, went along to the Desert Rats' wartime UK base near Thetford, Norfolk, to mark their part in D-Day 70 years ago.

A remembrance parade was just part of the Desert Rats' Association's all-day reunion at the former High Ash camp near Mundford. It was where the 7th Armoured Division trained on their new Cromwell tanks before the invasion.

For the first time, the event included a fully restored Desert Rats' Cromwell, whose owner brought it from Manchester.

Among those who spoke at the parade was Brigadier James Woodham, commander of the modern Desert Rats, the 7th Armoured Brigade.

Alf still has many vivid memories of his wartime experiences. He served in the African campaign, and after that his unit was heavily involved in the Italian campaign. It was hard to imagine two more different fields of conflict, moving from the deserts of North Africa to the often mountainous terrain of Italy.

The reunion was poignant for Alf, however, because the passage of time meant that none of his colleagues from World War Two were there.

It was the first time he had attended a reunion, and Alf has many vivid memories of his wartime service (a subject The GEM intends to return to in the coming weeks).

However, the chance to share those memories with friends and colleagues has passed.

The reason Alf joined the Desert Rats was, in a roundabout way, because his father was an enterprising businessman who started a door-to-door grocery service in the 1930s.

At first, he had a horse-drawn van – and one of the teenage Alf's regular tasks was to look after the horse.

In the late 1930s, Alf's father was able to invest in a van and Alf, still only 15, learned to drive it.

It was that particular skill that was picked out when Alf joined up – and he was assigned to the Desert Rats as a driver.

ABOVE: Alf with two 'WAAFs'.

BELOW: Alf with 'Winston Churchill'.

It was dangerous work, as one of the tasks was taking ammunition and explosives to troops on the front line – and Alf's truck was a sitting duck on the flat plains of North Africa.

That contrasted sharply with the Allied advance in Italy, where bad weather and difficult terrain resulted in bitterly-fought campaigns such as Monte Cassino.

The slow advance from the south to the north of Italy led to confused situations, such as the night when Alf found himself with a lorry-load of ammunition in the frontline near Florence.

He said: "We turned a corner and found German tanks lining the road. It was too narrow to turn around or reverse, so we had to drive past the tanks, hoping no one noticed we were not German – and then turn round and drive back through them later!"

Another moment that it is difficult to forget was when Alf was the innocent party in an accident that saw General Mark Clark, the Allied Commander in Italy, driven into a ditch.

He said: "I was stationary, and this officer's car tried to drive around me. He went too fast and didn't realise that there was a ditch.

"The driver started to try and blame me but General Clark climbed out and gave him a rocket!"

'FANTASTIC NURSE' LOUISE SCOOPS TOP CARER AWARD

SPECIALIST Parkinson's nurse Louise Ebenezer has won the Carer of the Year Award in this year's Bridge FM Local Hero Awards.

Louise was nominated by her patients at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

Julia Phillips has first-hand experience of the service Louise provides, as her husband Tony was diagnosed with Parkinson's 12 years ago.

Fundraiser with the Parkinson's UK Bridgend branch, Julia said: "Louise is absolutely fantastic. Everyone in the group feels the same way about her.

"On one occasion, my husband was having a particularly bad day. Louise came to the house and sat in the garden with him for half an hour, holding his hand and talking to him.

"She phoned me every day for several days after that to see how he was. Louise really is marvellous. The award is richly deserved and the group will be delighted when I tell them about it."

Louise has been the Parkinson's disease nurse specialist (PDNS) at Princess of Wales Hospital for 11 years.

She looks after more than 450 patients from across the Bridgend county and parts of the Vale, including Cowbridge and Llantwit Major.

Louise said: "When I found out I had been nominated, I felt really quite humbled that the patients think of me as highly as they do. I'm thrilled to bits – it's a thank you for the work you do.

"But I never think of myself going above and beyond. To me, I'm just doing my job."

Inequalities charity praised

VALE MP Alun Cairns joined the charity Diverse Cymru at a coffee morning in St Athan recently.

It helps people in Wales cope with difficulties and discrimination they face when dealing with inequality.

Mr Cairns commented: "I was delighted to meet with the Diverse Cymru team and to learn about their activities in and around the local community.

"Inequality can be a major issue, especially amongst the younger generations and therefore it is great to discover more about the support which is available."

PENSIONER SPOTTED SCAM JUST IN TIME!

A local pensioner has told The GEM how she had a narrow escape, after being phoned up by people making a tempting financial offer.

The woman, who is 85, explained: "On Monday, August 4, I received a call from people explaining that residents in Peterswell Road were paying too much for their water.

"They added that I was paying too much for my gas and electricity as well."

The Barry pensioner spoke to a man and a woman who told her that they could organise ongoing savings on her utility bills. They claimed in the long run she could save thousands of pounds.

"They told me all I had to do was make a payment to them of £240 and they would do the work to save money on my bills. They even gave me their telephone number and address."

This allayed the woman's initial concerns and she made the 'necessary' arrangements.

But the woman, who due to her advanced years told The GEM she does not wish to be identified, said her brother-in-law who lives in Fairwater warned her it was a fraud and that he'd paid over £280 in a similar situation which he managed to get back.

The woman added: "I went down to Barclays Bank on Holton Road who stopped any payment. They were brilliant and reassured me access to the account was blocked.

"I think it is terrible that people are receiving calls like this. The people I spoke to were very plausible."

Anyone with concerns about suspect calls can speak to Vale trading standards on 01446 700111; or contact your local police on 101.

FREE EXCITING FAMILY EVENTS AT BARRY ISLAND

2 & 3 August
Street Theatre Weekender

Shows start at 12noon each day with performances throughout the afternoon.

Sunday 10 August
World War 1 Commemoration Day

Barry Island Gardens will be home to a British WW1 soldier's encampment.
From 11am to 5pm

16 & 17 August
Sport, Art and Play Weekender

Beach sports, climbing wall, Play Village and graffiti workshops.
11am to 4pm each day.

23 & 24 August
Cinema by the Sea Weekender

SAT - THE GOONIES
SUN - MAMMA MIA
From 8:30pm each night

Bring a picnic, blanket or low backed chair. Deckchairs available to hire

30 & 31 August
Barry Wartime Weekend

Experience WW1 and WW2 living history encampments plus

SAT - Red Arrows Display
SUN - BBMF Dakota fly past

Event takes place at Barry Island Railway Station and Hood Rd.

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Events take place on the prom or gardens and may change at short notice.

For more information please call 01446 704737 or go to www.visitthevale.com @visitthevale

SPEAKER UNVEILS LITTLE GEMS OF VALE'S HISTORY

ON August 5, Peter Simon gave a talk to Dinas Powys Probus Club on 'Gems of the Vale'.

He first drew members' attention to a book published in 1938 entitled *Glamorgan History and Topography,* which describes the Vale as being mainly agricultural land, but with many undiscovered villages and hamlets.

The first example of a structure of note was the Porthkerry viaduct built in 1897 to provide a rail link from the valley coalfields to Barry docks; 110 feet high, it had to be closed shortly after opening for repairs to some of the pier foundations, but was re-opened a couple of years later.

Boverton Place, also known as Boverton Castle, was built by the Seys family in the 16th century, and the adjacent lane leads down to Summerhouse Point, where a summer house was built for the family's use.

The buildings are now in ruins and an attempted sale in 2007 at a price of £50-80,000 failed to find a buyer. An earlier castle had been built close by in the 12th century by Prince John, who had married Hadwisa of Gloucester, but soon divorced her.

She died in seclusion at the castle, but her ghost was reputed to haunt the buildings and was known as 'the Black Lady'.

John Wesley described St Illtuds church in Llantwit Major as "the most beautiful church in Wales." It is actually two churches joined together: the monks worshipped in one, and the townsfolk in the other.

It houses five early Celtic stone crosses from the 9th to the 16th century. Until the church buildings were restored, the crosses were largely ignored and not given any pride of place. However, in 2012, they were re-positioned with more prominence and suitably displayed for public viewing.

One cross bears the inscription 'St Samson placed this cross here for his soul'.

In the mid 19th century, a Dr Salmon came to live at Penllyn Court near Craig Penllyn. He greatly improved the estate and established two vineyards. He built his own laboratory and invited prominent scientists to stay.

He dug three wells and during the drought of 1887, villagers queued for hours for water. The doctor died in 1896 at the age of 106.

Peter also mentioned other gems in the Vale, such as the ancient woodland at Coed-y-Bwl in the Alun Valley. Famed for its display of wild daffodils, it received the Prince of Wales' Trust award in 1975, as being a natural woodland environment with an outstanding display of wild bluebells.

The village of Llancarfan is famous for being the birthplace of Iolo Morgannwg, founder of the Gorsedd ceremony, but it is now more famous as the location of medieval wall paintings in St Cadoc's church.

The paintings, dating from around 1480, were discovered in 2007. Wall paintings are very rare in Wales, and of these, the one depicting the battle between St George and the Dragon is thought to be the largest. They were restored with funding from a Lottery grant.

The vote of thanks was given by Haydn Morgan.

CHARLES REES

ValePlus praise for stalwart Mel

ValePlus members Chris Power and Gareth John are joined by Vale AM Jane Hutt to honour Mel for her support.

THE ValePlus Summer Fair on July 31 provided an opportunity for members, supporters, family and friends to say thank you to Mel Carter, who retires from ValePlus in Barry after 12 years.

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'WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES' AND HELP VALE TO TACKLE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

I WAS very pleased to attend an event at 'The Sewing Box' in Llantwit Major with 'Atal y Fro' – the organisation which supports victims of domestic violence here in the Vale, via the provision of a refuge, advice and information.

A knitting group had made hats and jackets for children and were handing over their craft work and a cheque for the organisation.

Atal y Fro has a strong programme of action supporting 'preventive work' through education and action to tackle domestic violence. Their mission is to break the cycle of abuse and break the silence about domestic violence in support of the White Ribbon campaign.

This has recently been recognised by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Alun Michael, and Atal y Fro has received funding to build on this work in partnership with other agencies.

At the Vale of Glamorgan 'Safer Vale' fun day held at the fire station in Barry last month, the fire service was particularly active in raising awareness of safety issues in relation to their work, and also the important part they can play as advisers and role models to tackle domestic violence.

With the fire fighters I met that day, we stood together to promote the 'Walk a Mile in Her Shoes' sponsored walk in Romilly Park this Saturday, August 16.

I have attended a number of these walks and they always attract attention and interest because it is a walk for men – trying out what it feels like to 'walk in women's shoes' for a mile in a public place.

In the past, the walks have taken place around King's Square and Barry Island, and this year it will be in Romilly Park. I urge people to come along, take part, sponsor a walker, and find out more about the work of Atal y Fro and the 'White Ribbon' campaign.

This follows the announcement in the National Assembly by the Welsh Government that there will be a new Bill to address domestic abuse and sexual violence.

It emphasises the importance of prevention and places duties on Welsh Ministers, county councils and local health boards to publish plans aimed at ending domestic abuse.

The Vale Council is also taking action by pledging its support to becoming a White Ribbon county and working towards a White Ribbon award.

There are a number of aims of this campaign, but it includes increasing awareness and providing services aimed at reducing the incidence of domestic violence, as well as mobilising men to become more involved in spreading the message that violence against women and girls is not acceptable.

Some years ago, I helped to start up Women's Aid refuges in Wales and I know we have made great progress, but the crimes of domestic violence still persist and we have a duty to address it in Government, nationally and locally, as well as in our communities.

All can play a role and it will be good to see the support shown for the White Ribbon Campaign on August 16 in Romilly Park – thanks to Atal y Fro.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by **Jane Hutt AM** *(Minister for Finance)*

'More user-friendly homes' for elderly urged by councillor

PLAID CYMRU councillor Ian Johnson has called on the Vale Council to build more user-friendly adapted homes, after he said a report showed that nearly 300 individuals or families are on the Vale's Adapted Homes Register – with two thirds of them older than 55.

He said he was regularly approached by older residents looking for properties that better suited their needs, because they face difficulty in conducting some everyday tasks but wanted to stay in a house, rather than move to a care home. Funding from the Intermediate Care Fund, "a Plaid Cymru initiative in the National Assembly", was helping, but the need for adapted homes was much greater than currently catered for, and growing with an ageing population.

He argued that additional funding from the Housing Revenue Account should be used for making houses user-friendly, and that extra housing investment funding available to the council should be invested in adapted homes and smaller homes.

Safer Vale open day a success

THE Safer Vale Partnership open day at Barry Fire Station recently was again voted a huge success.

There were live demonstrations by the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, including an aerial water tower rescue and a road traffic collision.

Magician Robin Fox, as well as dancing troupe Desert Divas and an owl display entertained the crowds.

VALE PACT MEETINGS

***COFFEE and chat** meeting, the Red Fox, Penllyn on August 2 at 11am.*

***Coffee and chat** meeting at The Blue Anchor, East Aberthaw, on August 28 at 11am.*

***GIBBONSDOWN PACT** at Barry Rugby Club, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry on Monday, September 1 at 7pm.*

Meet your local officers at Morrisons Supermarket on August 21 between 10am and 12 noon.

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ANGER AT NATO SCHOOL DISRUPTION

REGIONAL South Wales Central Tory AM, Andrew RT Davies, has criticised the Vale Council's decision to tell local schools to close early in the first week of the new term, due to the NATO summit taking place 25 miles away in Newport, *writes PHILIP IRWIN*.

Mr Davies, leader of the Welsh Conservatives, in a strongly-worded statement, called it a "horrible misjudgement by the Vale Council and Chris Elmore".

Coun Elmore is the cabinet member for education, and is also Labour's prospective parliamentary candidate in next year's general election.

Andrew RT Davies said: "While it is fantastic that we are holding such a significant event in a city in Wales, the idea it will impact on the schooling of our children due to pressure on roads and local transport in areas such as Barry, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major is nothing short of bonkers. The ramifications of these early closures will wreak havoc to parents and employers, many of whom will be disrupted as they will have to take time off work.

"It is also an important period of the academic year where many pupils are settling into new schools where the least disruption possible is required.

"I have written to the South Wales Police to see what advice was given to the Vale Council, especially as other local authorities are not taking such action when they are involved in key events, such as receptions, visits and dinners for NATO delegates.

"From the information I have received, only a limited number of delegates will be using Cardiff Airport as a point of access for the summit and as Wales Office Minister and Vale MP, Alun Cairns, has made abundantly clear, this decision far exceeds the advice issued by the NATO planning unit."

Coun Chris Elmore, cabinet member for children's services at the Vale Council, responded: "Unlike Cardiff and Newport, where a number of schools are completely closed, there are no plans for schools in the Vale to close during the NATO summit. The council always seeks to avoid school closures and our advice to headteachers has prioritised the importance of keeping schools open to pupils. Given the scale of the event and role of Cardiff Airport, there will inevitably be disruption to the transport network in the Vale. A meeting to discuss how to minimise the impact of this on pupils in Vale took place in July between schools, a local authority officer and the local police.

"At the meeting, advice for minimising disruption was agreed with local police and then circulated to all headteachers. The agreed advice was to implement staggered opening times for schools in the Vale.

"Three possible options for minimising disruption to pupils' education and alleviating possible stress on the transport network were discussed. The options of closing schools altogether, or operating three days of teacher training were dismissed.

"There was a consensus that staggered opening was the best course of action.

"The action taken by council officers has ensured that all pupils in the county will be able to attend school during the summit," he pointed out.

Conservative MP Alun Cairns, who has also been critical of the arrangements, said: "I want the Vale to benefit from the wonderful opportunity a NATO summit brings, but constituents deserve better decision-making from their council and what must be done now is to ensure that any disruption is kept to an absolute minimum."

Glamorgan Physiotherapy Clinic's open evening welcomes everyone!

THE Glamorgan Physiotherapy Clinic opened in January 2013 at 42D Penybont Road, Pencoed, with a waiting room, one treatment room and Nadine Manfred as physiotherapist.

Eighteen months later, it now boasts additional clinic rooms and a multi-disciplinary team. An open evening on Wednesday, August 20 from 5pm-9pm is an invitation to all – from health professionals, to sports people and the general public.

A spokesperson said; "We want people to come and see our modern, welcoming clinic and meet the team, who will be able to explain the various treatments they offer – from Lipotripsy for cellulite – to acupuncture for pain relief.

"There will be special offers, including free consultations available for those attending. Booking is not necessary – call in between 5pm and 9pm."

For further information, call 01656 760130.

CYCLE RIDE TO RAISE FUNDS

ON August 15, 11 novice cyclists and their support vehicle will set off from Lands End on a journey of over 1,000 miles, hoping to arrive in John O'Groats 14 days later, on Aug 28.

The cyclists have received huge support from family, friends and local businesses and have already raised over £6,000 in the build up to the event.

***The team comprises**: Justin Hostettler-Davies, Michael Thorne, David Lloyd, Jayne Dingle, Mark Floyd, Gary Cox, Adrian Hooper, Jon Price, Lance Thomas, Kevin Ridge, Ian Henry and two volunteering support vehicle drivers (Lynda Mitchell and Steve Dingle).*

They have chosen to carry out this challenge in the hope that it can raise much needed awareness of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) and the devastating impact it has on people and their families.

The MND Association is the only national charity in Wales, England and Northern Ireland dedicated to improve care and support for people affected by MND, fund and promote research, and campaign and raise awareness, so the needs of people with MND are addressed by society. All funds raised from the challenge will be going towards the new South Wales Care Network for Motor Neurone Disease (MND), which is committed to funding £340,000 for the Network over the next four years.

A number of multi-disciplinary MND clinics have been set up. Bridgend is one of the areas they are focusing on.

The group would welcome any support you can give. Donations can be made via www.justgiving.com/cycle4mnd. Updates and progress on the challenge can be found at www.cycle4mnd.com.

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BRAVE KANSIRAY APPEALS TO PUBLIC...
'Come race with me for Kidney Wales!'

ABOVE: Summer after her first kidney had been removed.

A SIX-YEAR old girl from Ogmore Vale, who was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 14 months, is urging local people to join her in this year's Cardiff 10K and 2K races.

Summer Kansiray is recovering from a kidney transplant after being diagnosed with cancer in both organs.

Having been supported by the Kidney Wales Foundation, she is urging people to sign up to Cardiff 10K and the 2K fun run, which she is taking part in, to raise funds for the charity.

When Summer was just 14 months old, her mother, Joanne Kansiray, could see and feel a lump on her torso, but was told by four doctors in the space of 35 hours, that her daughter was fine.

Joanne didn't give up, and travelled to Bridgend hospital right away, where a doctor noticed the lump without Joanne prompting him, *a Foundation spokeswoman reports*.

Summer was diagnosed with a Wilms' tumour, a rare form of kidney cancer, in her left kidney.

She endured six months of treatment at Cardiff's University Hospital of Wales, before having the organ removed. Summer relapsed and the cancer returned in her right kidney six weeks later, which also had to be taken out.

Before she could have a transplant for the second kidney, Summer spent two and a half years without kidneys, on a dialysis machine, in the Kidney Wales-funded Children's Kidney Centre at the University Hospital of Wales for between 12 and 14 hours every night. She was allowed to drink only 240ml of water every 24 hours.

After receiving a new kidney in 2012, recently Summer's body has been trying to reject the kidney transplant, and after receiving treatment in hospital, she is now at home and on medication to stop the rejection going any further.

Summer's mother, Joanne Kansiray, is employed as a healthcare assistant, but has had to take time out to care for her daughter through this difficult time; care that she couldn't give without the out-of-hours support from the Kidney Wales Foundation.

Joanne said: "Finding out that Summer had cancer of the kidney was a huge shock. In the past, we have been faced with the possibility that she may not pull through, and I cannot express how hard that was to deal with.

"My daughter has proved how unbelievably strong a little girl she is and I am very proud of her. The best thing I can do is raise awareness to thank Kidney Wales for all their support and encourage everyone, who hasn't already, to sign up to the Cardiff 10K."

This year's race will take place on Sunday, September 7, with the Cardiff10K taking place at 10am and the 2K family run at 9.15am. Organised by Kidney Wales, the race is one of the top ten road races in the UK, and sees top athletes running alongside celebrities and members of the public for the cause.

Despite Summer's problems she aims to take part in the 2k fun run for the third year in a row. In 2012, her father Ekrem pushed her along the course in a wheelchair and in 2013 Summer walked it with her aunt Michelle, coming in proudly in last place.

This year, her aunt Nikki is coming over from Jersey, especially to walk the distance with Summer. Nikki will take part in the full 10K race straight after they cross the finish line.

To find out more about the race, to sign up as a team, or to help raise money and awareness for Kidney Wales, visit the Cardiff 10K website at: ***www.cardiff10K.com*** *or call* ***(029) 2034 3951.***

Summer in training for the Cardiff fundraising event!

Call for more responders

THIRTY volunteers average 20,000 hours annually, providing seven days a week cover for 365 days a year, and deal with just over 5,000 patients over a 10-year period...

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By September 2004, they had become active as a CFR team in the Barry community.

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"Community First Responders are volunteers from all walks of life," commented Bryan Foley, from Barry who has been part of the Barry CFR team since its formation 10 years ago, and is a co-ordinator for the group.

"We are not necessarily health care professionals, though of course, there are some who have that experience – but we come from various backgrounds, ranging from a mortgage advisor to a housewife.

"We're trained by the Welsh Ambulance Service to administer basic life-saving skills, oxygen therapy, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of a defibrillator."

If you are interested in becoming a First Responder, contact the scheme co-ordinator Bryan Foley, on 07779 658331; or email barry.responders@ntlworld.com before the end of August.

Children revel in Play Day

FAMILIES supported by Tŷ Hafan enjoyed a day filled with bubble making, bug catching and den-building to mark National Play Day last week.

There was plenty of fun and laughter at the children's hospice in Sully, as life-limited youngsters and their siblings took part in several outdoor activities, including sky walking – an activity using mirrors to reflect images of the sky.

Specialist play workers also delivered story-massage and wheelchair art sessions for families after they enjoyed spending time in Tŷ Hafan's new state-of-the-art playground complete with swings, a race track and wheelchair trampoline.

Dong Luo's three-year-old daughter, Carol, was one of many children who enjoyed the Outdoor Play Day. Carol, from Cardiff, suffers from Congenital Central Hypoventilation and was referred to Tŷ Hafan when she was eight months old.

Carol and her family received short break care at the hospice when she was a baby, and have been enjoying day care sessions at the hospice ever since.

Mrs Luo said: "Carol was so excited when we told her we were going to Tŷ Hafan for the day! It has been a fantastic day and all the kids have had such fun. Play is really important for Carol and the staff at Tŷ Hafan are really good at knowing what activities suit her individual needs."

Hannah Williams, Tŷ Hafan's Care Services Team Leader, said: "Not only was the day lots of fun, but it was also a great opportunity to give our families the confidence to try new and different types of play which they may not have experienced before.

"Our approach to play is not focused on what a child cannot do, instead, we encourage them to discover what they can do. Play is a right for every child and is important in helping a child to express him/herself and reach his/her full potential. We are so pleased that everyone had such a fantastic time at our National Play Day event."

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Vale faces three years of cuts as austerity bites

THE Vale Council wants the community to face up to the effects of cuts that it will have to make over the next three years – a total of £32 million.

This week, the Vale Council cabinet announced plans to launch a wide-ranging consultation on how the cuts could be made – and they made clear that nothing is free from scrutiny.

Ideas that are up for consideration include more joint working with other local authorities, and looking at the possibility of letting the private sector run some services. The voluntary sector could also be in the frame for this type of arrangement.

A Vale Council spokesman said that it was a chance to look at "new and innovative methods of delivering its services" and the exercise has been described as the "Reshaping Services" strategy and change programme.

Vale residents, community groups and other public sector organisations will be asked to play a role in shaping how Vale Council services will be delivered in the future.

The council is launching a number of public engagement events which will allow a wide range of views on the future of services in the Vale to be heard, but the looming cuts mean that radical change could be on the way.

Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the Council, said: "Central government's austerity drive has created a period of financial pressures in the public sector we haven't seen the like of before.

"We will have to find over £10 million savings in 2015/16 and more than £32 million in total over the next three years.

"'Business as usual' is simply not an option for the council. If we want to continue to provide the services that we know our residents need, then we must find new ways of delivering them.

"Even though the council has an excellent track record of delivering services economically and effectively, we know that we are now moving into new and unexplored territory. We have to be radical and innovative and consider how things could be done differently."

Quickly out of the blocks with a comment was Plaid Cymru's Coun Ian Johnson, who warned the council against taking steps towards privatisation.

He said: "The Vale Council is a fairly well off local authority in Welsh terms, as you would expect, after increasing council taxes by a total of 9.5 per cent over the past two years, so we do not accept the need for swingeing cuts that don't improve services.

"If we can improve services, then Plaid Cymru will support any proposed changes, and we will engage with this process.

"Plaid Cymru are concerned about spinning off parts of the council into the private sector where the for-profit sector may lead to corners being cut and safety being compromised – for staff and members of the public."

Coun Johnson is not pointing a finger at the Westminster Coalition Government. He insisted: "Any cuts being made to local government services are now the sole responsibility of the Labour Government in Cardiff, and the Vale Council.

"If they are not happy with their budget, then they should take that up with the Minister in Cardiff, not take it out on the Vale public through cuts to our essential public services."

The Vale Council spokesman countered: *"According to many, a period of "permanent austerity" is now likely for councils across the UK for the foreseeable future.*

"Without radical action, continued cuts to budgets will result in a steady decline in the quality and variety of public services.

"Only by considering new ways of working, can local councils continue to provide a broad range of services and to an acceptable standard.

"To address the challenges ahead, the council is launching a change programme which will affect all parts of the organisation. It's forecast that it will take three years to accomplish."

• ***In the report considered by the cabinet members this week, it was pointed out that the Vale Council is 20th out of 22 local authorities in terms of funding per head of population.***

PHILIP IRWIN

£60 PENALTY FOR SKIPPING SCHOOL

PARENTS of pupils who are absent from school could face a £60 bill – after a new law was passed by the Welsh Government.

Applying the new law is the responsibility of the Vale Council, and on Monday this week, the cabinet of the Vale Council voted to make plans to introduce the scheme.

The council will have to develop a Code of Conduct, and then the Education Welfare Service (EWS) will operate it.

In a report considered by cabinet, members were told that the EWS investigates cases of irregular attendance from school, and can take legal action.

However, Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) are thought to offer a means of swift intervention to prevent individual cases becoming entrenched and progressing to the local magistrate's courts.

A penalty notice will be £60 if paid within 28 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 28 days (but within 42 days of receipt).

If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 42 days the local authority must either prosecute parents/carers for the offence or withdraw the notice.

However, the report said that withdrawal of the notice can only take place in very limited circumstances as set out in the code of conduct.

The legislation allows headteachers and the police (including their nominated deputies) as well as designated local authority officers (EWOs) the powers to issue FPNs.

However, the Vale Council intends that all FPNs will be issued by the EWS. This is designed to rule out the issuing of duplicate penalty notices.

Penalty notices may be considered in the following circumstances:

• Where a minimum of 10 unauthorised sessions (five school days) have occurred in the current term (these do not need to be consecutive);

• Unauthorised absence from school due to a term time holiday and where there is a history of poor attendance;

• Persistent lateness of more than 10 sessions in the current term i.e. arrived at school after the close of the registration period;

• Where parent/carers have failed to engage with the school and/or the EWS in attempts to improve attendance but where court sanctions have not been instigated;

• Where a pupil regularly comes to the attention of the police during school hours for being absent from school without an acceptable reason.

FPNs will not be used as an immediate action e.g. on pupils found to be truanting during truancy operations.

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WAR GROUP ARE STILL IN SEARCH FOR NEW HOME

RIGHT: There will be no space for Barry At War on the unused ground floor of the former tourist information centre.

THE bid by local history group Barry at War has failed to pass the first stage of the process to secure a lease on the unused ground floor of the former Barry Tourist Information Centre.

Barry at War chair, Ade Pitman, said: "When we first broached the idea of using the building about 12 months ago, we had hoped to have had a Great War Centenary Centre established in time for this week's commemorative events.

"It would have been a real feather in the cap for Barry, and we believe that it would have attracted considerable numbers of heritage tourists and school visits.

"Naturally, the group and the Forces Associations who have supported our idea to establish a Great War Centenary Centre in the building on Barry Island promenade, are all disappointed that we have failed to pass this stage, but we understand the commercial issues that have led to the Vale Council's decision.

"Our bid would have been assessed according to commercial criteria, and as it was essentially a community project there would have been far larger bids made for the property than ours, thus generating more revenue for the Council.

"This is a shame, however, as we believe that the site would have been ideal for us to provide an educational facility, as well as attracting heritage tourism, particularly out of season.

"The centre would have also included a room for use by Forces organisations such as the Royal British Legion, for consultations with their clients, in a sympathetic environment.

"The commemoration of the centenary of the Great War is proving a busy time for Barry at War, as we are providing materials in support of the Great War exhibitions at Barry library and St Athan camp.

"We also provided support to the Porthcawl museum Great War centenary event. We expect this high level of activity to continue and even grow as the centenary period continues.

"One of our core principles is to help other community groups and schools, by providing the necessary equipment to help them to put on their own exhibitions, and our next Great War exhibitions are in partnership with the YMCA and the RNLI.

"Although the decision by the Vale Council is disappointing, we look forward to working with them and invite suggestions from those responsible for regeneration and tourism, to suggest an alternative venue for a Great War Centenary Centre.

"As the popularity of our tiny museum continues to grow, we are open to all feasible suggestions as to how to improve it and widen the appeal and our ability to make the facility more interactive. The museum already rates as the second best attraction in Barry, on Trip Advisor. We aim to be the best attraction in Barry following Wartime Weekend.

"We are still optimistic that a Great War Centenary Centre can be established in Barry before the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, in 2016. This date is currently achievable."

The museum is open Wednesday afternoons, 2pm – 4pm. For more details go to www.barryatwar.info.

All Riley wants is a quiet life!

The GEM has joined forces with the Dogs Trust to find suitable homes for inmates at the Bridgend rehoming centre.

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Because of this, he is a sensitive dog who needs lots of time and understanding to adjust. He does mix with other dogs, but needs reminding of his manners at first.

He enjoys a cuddle and lots of fuss once he has built up trust with you. Riley is looking for a quiet home preferably with other calm female dog(s) already in residence.

If there are no dogs in the home, it may take a little more time for him to settle in. He can be left alone for a few hours, and he is housetrained. He can live with older children over 14 years old.

If you can offer Riley a home, please call us on 01656 725219, or pop in to Dogs Trust Bridgend. We are open 12pm – 4pm every day except Monday, and until 7.30pm on Wednesdays.

LINDA FEAGAN
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Call for more charity collectors

MARIE Curie Cancer Care has issued an urgent appeal for volunteers, to help look after shops in the areas that have its charity tins and daffodil boxes on their counter tops.

Donations collected will need to be counted and banked at a local NatWest.

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WHAT'S ON

THIS Saturday, August 16, Llancarfan village show and summer fair takes place at 2pm.

There will be face painting by local famous illustrator Emma Levy, birds of prey from the Welsh Hawking Centre, games and crafts, a plant stall, tombola and raffle. Afternoon teas will be served with mouth-watering cakes!

Medals and prizes will be presented by Jane Hutt AM at 5pm.

Rummage sale

THERE will be a rummage sale in All Saints' Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth on Saturday, August 16 from 10am until 11.30. Entry 50p includes tea/coffee.

All money raised is for charity.

Ward surgery

LABOUR Vale and town councillors for Buttrills and Court wards, Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans and Stuart Egan, hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, August 16 from 10am – 11.30am in the meeting room of Barry Library Kings Square. ***No appointment necessary.***

Festival plan

AN open meeting to discuss holding a 2015 jazz/soul seaside festival will be held in committee room 2 at Barry Civic Offices on Monday, August 18 at 7pm.

Organisers are hoping to hold a seaside event in June next year and are seeking volunteers to get involved on the committee or sponsorship.

Contact Coun Richard Bertin on 07973 153987.

Family service

ALL SAINTS Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, is holding a family service on Sunday, August 24 at 10am.

There will be worship items suitable for all ages, focused on the theme of 'Who is the greatest?'

Creche facilities are available and refreshments served afterwards.

All are welcome; for more information, visit allsaintspenarth.org.uk.

Open day

THE St Athan Local History Group is holding an open day on Saturday, August 30 from 10am to 4pm in the Old Community Centre (next to the library).

Photos, documents and ephemera and a chance to meet old friends. *Admission is free but there is a collection on behalf of Velindre Hospital.*

Valeways guided walks

TO Flat and Steep Holm View on Sunday, August 17; meet at cliff top car park, Penarth at 2pm.

Walk and Click at 10am on Monday, August 18; meet at Porthkerry Country Park Cafe car park.

On Tuesday, August 19: Awn am Dro at 9.30am at Cowbridge Library.

Coffee Shop Strollers meet on Wednesday, August 20 at 10.30am at Cosmeston Visitor Centre.

On Thursday, August 21 at 10am Let's Go to Llangan; meet at Cross Inn, Llanblethian.

Garden open

BORDERVALE Plants, Sandy Lane, Ystradowen Cowbridge CF71 7SX will be open to the public for NGS on August 25.

Within mature woodland valley (semi-tamed) with stream and bog garden, extensive mixed borders; mini wildflower meadow, providing diverse wildlife habitats. Children must be supervised.

The nursery specialises in unusual perennials and cottage garden plants. Nursery open: Fri – Sun (10 – 5, and often open Mon – Thurs) Mar – Sept, when garden is also open May – Sept (NOT FOR NGS).

Open for NGS: Mon Aug 25, (10 – 5) entry £3.

Artist Frank Roper remembered in centenary exhibition in Barry

FROM his cliff-top workshop, overlooking Penarth Pier, artist Frank Roper spent over 50 years producing his unique sculptures and stained glass windows for churches throughout Wales and England.

These include works for cathedrals at Durham, Peterborough, Wells, Saint David's and Llandaff, and many churches in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

Frank Roper was born in Haworth in Yorkshire on December 12, 1914. He later studied at Keighley and at The Royal College of Art, where he became one of Henry Moore's students.

In 1947, Roper was appointed as a lecturer in charge of sculpture at The School of Art, in Cardiff. He later became Vice-Principal, where he remained until his retirement in 1973.

The magnificent reredos screen at Llandaff Cathedral.

At a special exhibition, celebrating the centenary of his birth, photographs of his work produced for churches in the Vale are on display at Travellers Gallery, Barry.

These include two sculptures seen at St Mary's Church, Penmark and Saint Augustine's Church, Penarth and commemorative windows from St Tydfil's Church, Llysworney, St Mary's Church, Wenvoe, St Peter's Church, Dinas Powis, All Saints' Churches at Penarth and Barry, as well as two fine examples from St Michael's Church, Michaelston-le-Pit. His work from Christ Church, Roath, Cardiff and his fine reredos screen at the Lady Chapel, Llandaff Cathedral will also feature.

There is also a rare opportunity to see some of his original sculptures on loan for this occasion.

Travellers Gallery is run by VoGA (Vale of Glamorgan Artists) in partnership with MIND in the Vale.

A spokesperson for VoGA said: "As well as providing the opportunity to revisit his work, it also introduces the public to the work of this modest man who made such a valuable contribution to church art in his adopted home."

The special centenary exhibition at Travellers Gallery, Barry Station runs from August 11 to September 12 (open weekdays, mornings only). **CN**

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OZ ADVENTURE IS A LAUGH RIOT FOR THE INBETWEENERS

BRITISH television comedy has often found its way onto the big screen, but more often than not, the filmed versions of these shows pale in comparison to their small screen brethren – the cast usually upping sticks and going on holiday (worst offender? *Holiday On The Buses*).

So when that was announced as the plot of *The Inbetweeners Movie* in 2011, the trepidation was palpable; however, the film was easily the equal of the show itself, and despite protests that that was the end of the road for the gang, its success meant a second big screen outing was more than likely.

In *The Inbetweeners 2*, we pick up with the gang spread out, with Jay (James Buckley) backpacking in Australia; when Will (Simon Thomas), Simon (Joe Thomas) and Neil (Blake Harrison) decide to forego the pleasures of Britain and university and follow him out there, things (as you may imagine) take a turn for the awkward and embarrassing...

Speaking from personal experience, the adventures of the Inbetweeners are all too real and close to the bone, but at the same time, this basis in reality makes the humour and relationships of the boys feel realistic and natural.

This second big screen adventure takes the next logical step from a boys' holiday celebrating the end of secondary education – that of a gap year sojourn to the land Down Under funded by higher education – but those who imagined this second outing to be a basic retread of the first are in the wrong as *The Inbetweeners 2* is a hilariously funny, yet touching, outing that uses the boys' (very) burgeoning maturity to both comedic and heartfelt effect. Both the show and the previous film weren't afraid to use extreme humour to get laughs, but it was always underpinned with that sense of male bonhomie and the fact that, beneath all the bluster, they actually really like each other.

It's a tactic that this outing also uses, but taking the boys out of the confines of their common room hasn't made them any less socially awkward – now it's university that has it in for them – and reflecting their status in society in a more mature setting works wonderfully well.

Creators (and this time around directors) Damon Beesly and Iain Morris have great fun in playing up their characters' foibles, with their concerns having moved on from trying to talk to girls, to trying to extract themselves from relationships, pining for loves lost, or seeing where they fit in in the world at large.

That isn't to say that the film loses itself in introspection – far from it, it just gives Beesly and Morris the opportunity to widen the scale of creating awkward and embarrassing situations for the boys, something they take full advantage of. There are, as you would expect, callbacks to jokes from previous outings, but the sly nods and winks are subtly done and are executed in a way that don't feel shoehorned in. The pair deserve particular praise for a scene towards the end that sums up the Inbetweeners – coarse humour with a sense of unspoken friendship and camaraderie finally bubbling to the surface.

by GARETH JAMIESON
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The cast are, as you would expect, all superb – Simon Bird does exasperation to perfection, Joe Thomas' dead-eyed panic is wonderful to watch, James Buckley adds a depth of pain to Jay's earnestly boastful nature, while Blake Harrison's gormless Neil is both heartfelt and gloriously unaware – with the new additions having little to do but doing it reasonably well.

The backpackers and Australians do feel a touch stereotypical, sketched in the loosest possible terms – while the plot isn't going to leave anybody shocked and surprised.

But these are minor concerns in what is an otherwise wonderfully sweary and caustic comedy that more than matches the rest of the Inbetweeners' output.

VERDICT – Wonderfully coarse, hilariously funny yet not without a satisfying dollop of heart, *The Inbetweeners 2* hits all the right notes as the boys return to the big screen. Doing exactly what you would want it to, while moving into slightly more grown-up concerns as well, it's a predictable, but incredibly humorous second outing.

Highly recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Inbetweeners Movie* (2011), *American Pie* (1999).

Tidy-up awards for local projects

THE Minister for Natural Resources, Culture and Sport, John Griffiths AM, allocated £799,627 funding to support 31 community projects, including Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan, as part of the Tidy Towns initiative.

"In total, the Welsh Government is providing £2,202,748 to help communities improve their local area and tackle problems, such as littering, fly tipping, dog fouling and vandalism," a spokesperson said.

The awards:

- £30,000 for the Cornelly and District Development Trust, to turn an overgrown area of land in Bridgend affected by litter and fly-tipping into community gardens.
- £11,981.70 for Badger's Brook Allotments Association to transform a disused area of land in Bridgend into a community growing area. The project will tackle litter, fly-tipping and dog fouling with the aim of turning the site into allotment plots for the community.
- £4,260 for Friends of Maesteg Welfare Park to build paths through the park that will provide greater community access from the town to the neighbourhoods surrounding the park in Nantyfyllon and Maesteg.
- £11,610 for Gwyrddio Penarth Greening, to work with the local school and community to clear an area of land subject to fly-tipping, littering, dog fouling and graffiti, to create a community garden.

Countdown starts to 40th Llantwit Major Show!

THE Llantwit Major Horticultural Society's 40th annual flower and vegetable show will be held on Saturday (August 16) in the leisure centre at Ham Lane East.

The theme is 'Enjoy your garden, You may be a winner... Show at the Llantwit Major Show!'

This year, there are 83 classes in sections that include vegetables, fruit, flowers, pot plants, novices, decorative, children's displays, home baking, preserves, home brews, top tray and top vase.

Exhibits for all sections will be welcome at the leisure centre from 8.30am to 10.45am on the day. The children's section is split into age groups to cater for all children regardless of age, and the show will open to the public after judging at about 2pm.

The society welcomes all exhibitors to go along and join in the fun of exhibiting. There are trophies, and cash to be won – "Who knows, your entry could be best in show!"

Show schedules are available and can be obtained from the society shop in Llanmaes Road (by the fire station) on Sunday mornings, or at 39 Bedford Rise, Llantwit Major.

Disability Services: FAMILY FUN DAY

Disability Services, funded by Families First, are holding a family fun day for children with additional needs, their siblings and families on Friday, August 15 from 11am to 3pm at Palmerston Community Learning Centre, Cadoc Crescent, Barry CF63 2NT.

Children must be accompanied by an adult and the aim of the day is for children to have fun and to let families know what services and support are available in the Vale.

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Here are ten wildlife friendly tips to get your own wildlife reserve under way:

1. Grow a mixture of native and non-native plants to provide nectar and pollen for bees and other insects. Choose plants that flower at different times of year to ensure that pollen and nectar are available over a long period. Select trees and shrubs with berries for birds and other animals.

2. Create a water feature in your garden. A pond, ideally without fish, will enable amphibians and dragonflies to breed. If a pond is not practical, a simple bird bath or pebble fountain will provide a place for animals to drink.

3. Delay cutting back perennials until the spring. The seed heads that remain provide valuable food for birds and other animals through the winter, while the stems and foliage provide valuable shelter for hibernating insects.

4. Recycle your organic kitchen and garden waste to create compost for the garden. The compost heap will not only provide you with an excellent soil conditioner but will also be home to invertebrates and other animals, and is a rich feeding ground for birds and beetles.

5. Create additional habitats for wildlife by growing climbing plants against bare walls and fences. These provide valuable cover and food for birds, insects and mammals, as well as adding extra interest to the garden.

6. Dead wood is a valuable habitat, supporting a wide range of invertebrates. Dead wood can be used to create a simple wood pile or interesting sculptural feature.

7. Help wildlife by providing additional features such as bird and bat boxes, solitary bee nests and bird feeders. Birds can be provided with food, either bought seed or food scraps, throughout the year.

8. Consider leaving part of your lawn uncut. Long grass is an excellent habitat for grasshoppers, beetles and young amphibians, and provides roosts for insects such as damselflies. Grasses are also important food sources for the caterpillars of some butterflies.

9. Where possible, avoid using pesticides and herbicides, instead use mulches to control weeds, select disease resistant varieties of plants and use cultural or biological control methods to combat pests. Encourage a natural balance to develop by having as wide a range of plants and animals as possible.

10. Think carefully about the origin of anything you buy for your garden. Ensure that plants come from cultivated stock and that the use of any material, such as potting compost, does not put a habitat under threat, whether in the UK or abroad.

Coun Rob Curtis,
Vale of Glamorgan
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Open Gardens Penarth Trail nears £5,000

THE 18th Open Gardens Trail in Penarth was once again a huge success – and raised just under £5,000 for The Children's Society.

We were fortunate to have been blessed with wonderful summer sunshine on both days, which in turn brought in visitors from far and wide.

Many thanks on behalf of the society to the public for their support and donors of raffle prizes. All winners have been notified and prizes claimed.

Many thanks to The GEM whose advance publicity for this popular event is invaluable.

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Kingfisher Developments – **11 Illtyd Avenue, Llantwit Major** – Erection of a two bedroom house.
Mr Craig Wiliams – **Hathaway, 48 Shakespeare Avenue, Penarth** – Single storey rear extension and alteration works.
Mr Andrew Clemett – **Land north side of road leading from Treoes to Llangan** – Proposed erection of four private stables and hay store.
Mr Malcolm Evans – **Treetops, Romilly Park Road, Barry** – Partially demolish existing detached garage; construct new two storey extension to side elevation of house.
Mrs Susan Jones – **85 Tynewydd Road, Barry** – Proposed crossover and parking area.
Mrs Jean England – **Redundant car park at the Downs Cafe, St Hilary** – proposed single storey dwelling on the Downs Cafe redundant car park.
National Grid Electricity – **Between Hinkley Point and Seabank** – Proposed Hinkley Point C connection project.
Mr Andrew Miller – **Brynheulog, St Andrews Road, Wenvoe** – Proposed stables and extension to existing outbuilding/store.
Mr Steven and Mrs Tina Webb – **23 Rhodfa Felin, Barry** – Single storey rear extension.
Mr and Mrs Danks – **48 Heol Eryr Mor, Barry** – Conservatory extension to rear.
Cenin Renewables Limited – **Land east of Five Mile Lane, Barry** – 6MW solar PV array.
Mr Philip Shaw – **Old Hedges, St Nicholas, Cardiff** – Refurbishment and extension of four-bedroom detached dwelling house to provide additional bedroom/ensuite and home office.
Mr Peter Treadwell – **18a Park Road, Barry** – Proposed garage conversion into study and utility room.
Ms A Adlam – **39 Victoria Road, Penarth** – Ground floor front extension.
Mrs Helen McKechnie – **24 Davids Crescent, Penarth** – Rear/side single storey extension and rear dormer.

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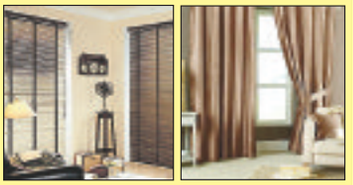

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Go geometric to make your home fresh and stylish...

by GABRIELLE FAGAN

EVEN if you hated maths at school, it could be time to brush up on your geometry, as decor focuses on shapes and angles.

Lines, triangles, hexagons, chevrons and circles are proliferating in pattern and are a must-have not just for this season but beyond, as they feature strongly in Autumn collections.

"Geometrics are a popular choice for bringing pattern into the home, with sharp, angular designs such as zigzags and graphic prints currently leading the way as favourites," says Kate Tansley, creative director at Multiyork.

"Softer on the eye, circular geometric-style prints are also making an impact and are a great way to introduce the trend into a space and give it a stylish uplift.

"Geometric patterns lend themselves perfectly to fabric and can easily turn functional furniture, like a sofa or chair, into a striking statement piece."

Of course, geometry isn't solely represented in print; natural geometry is all around us, and it can be found in furniture design and architecture, so there's no need to completely redesign your home to add a touch of the trend.

Our love of shape and angle goes back through history, the ancient Greeks and Moroccans both used its principles in their interior design.

Today, many leading designers use strong geometric shapes, combined with symmetry, to bring a coveted feeling of elegance, order and tranquillity to spaces.

"Art Deco-inspired interiors, with their characteristic geometric lines and patterns, are enjoying a renaissance," agrees Karen Anderson, editor at online interiors company, Alison At Home.

"Last year's *Great Gatsby* film had a big influence, fashion's embraced pattern and shapes as well. Perhaps more significantly, we're living through cash-poor times, and the fact that this trend so effortlessly creates a sense of opulence makes it very desirable.

"If you really want a 'wow' factor introduce geometrics in monochrome or gold."

So forget Pythagoras' theorem and all that baffles – the correct answer is to sum up your style with glamorous geometric shapes.

MONO MAGIC

Devotees of neutrals have known all along that colour may be cool for the moment, but clean, sharp monochrome or fashionable smoky grey schemes have timeless appeal and suit any interior.

"People often think these patterns can only work in bold bright colours, but that's a misconception because they work equally well in monochrome or grey palettes," says Katie Watson, interior designer at furniture specialists, Fishpools.

"The combination of strong design in monochrome shades creates a clean-cut, classic look which is easy on the eye and can easily be enlivened, if necessary, with 'pops' of colour."

TIP: When it comes to shapes, the look you create will depend on the lines and angles you pick. Curved lines give geometrics a retro twist, whereas sharper angles look more contemporary.

Work the room with patterned walls or flooring. A monochrome pattern of squares could enhance a feeling of space in a room.

NATURAL PATTERN

Soft green and yellow shades paired with pattern are a subtle choice, and in tune with our desire to feature the colours of nature and showcase natural materials like wood and stone.

"Pattern and colour can be daunting to use at first, so play around with samples of fabric to ensure that you're picking up on a similar colourway or design, as this will ensure cohesion in a scheme," says Kate Tansley at Multiyork.

"Less is more, is a good rule to follow – even if you're passionate about these patterns. Too many 'busy' or varied prints can make a room feel chaotic, so limit your choice to two or three and ensure there are enough neutral accents to balance them out."

TIP: To make a furniture piece the centre of attention, opt for a large, oversized geometric print in a vibrant colour palette.

OUT OF THE BLUE

Blue still reigns supreme in interiors, and whether you choose its palest hues or deep indigos, pair it with pattern and it will surely pack a punch and speak volumes about your decor credentials.

"Create your own take on the Scandi-look by introducing bold, geometric prints in a neutral backdrop, to give your home a clean, modern feel," says Philip Watkin, designer at sofa specialists, DFS.

"Choose soft, cool colours to reflect as much light as possible and open up small spaces to make them feel bigger, then experiment with bold patterns. Small or large doses of geometric pattern will help create a lively, interesting scheme."

TIP: Choose a framed print with a geometric design in a dominant colour on a bright background. Place it in a focal point in your room and keep the wall a pale colour.

The eye will focus on the pattern, while the wall will appear to fade away, expanding the space.

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Home Comforts Furniture – **Home Comforts, Unit 4a West Winds Business Park, Llangan** – change of use of the unit to a mixture of B8 and A1.

Mr Peter Marriot – **The Market Place Restaurant, 66 High Street, Cowbridge** – construct a frameless glass entrance lobby on front elevation.

Mr Gerald Leeke – **Hensol Castle, Hensol Castle Park, Hensol** – construct a single storey flat green roof conference and wedding venue with associated bar within the inner courtyard of Hensol Castle and to reposition the lift providing access to the bedrooms at the first and second floors.

Mr and Mrs Underhill – **rear of 15 Cedar Way, Penarth** – proposed elderly/disabled accommodation ancillary to main house.

Mrs Kaye Cheeseman – **97 Andrew Road, Penarth** – loft conversion including a dormer extension.

Mrs Christine Wilson – **18 East View, Llandow** – demolish existing single storey annexe; add new porch to front door, move bathroom window from gable end wall to front wall.

Mrs Jo-Anne Binding – **Three Bells Inn, Coldbrook Road West, Barry** – planning consent for changes to the rear elevations; front elevation to benefit from new front porch.

Mr Philip Walters – **east end of The Mole, No 1 Dock, Barry dock** – engineering works – formation of a boat slipway in the existing dock wall.

Cenin Renewables – **land east of Five Mile Lane** – 6MW solar PV array.

Mrs Geraldine Rideout – **53 Plas Taliesin, Portway Marina, Penarth** – proposed single storey kitchen extension, new balcony and windows.

Mr and Mrs S Baxter – **16 Lake Hill Drive, Cowbridge** – two storey extension.

Rene Jehu – **land off Redwood Close, Boverton, Llantwit Major** – approval of landscaping of the development.

Mrs Joan Thomas – **Pancross House, Llancarfan** – construction of conservatory on existing raised patio.

Peter Alan – **Peter Alan Ltd., 3 Windsor Road, Penarth** – one illuminated fascia; and one double-sided projecting sign.

Stavrakis Consultants – **former mortuary building, Hayes Point, Hayes Road, Sully** – conversion and extension of former mortuary building to residential bungalow.

Mr Mark Cleghorn – **Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Street, Barry** – change of use from place of worship to photography studio.

Mr Clive Spencer – **79 Plymouth Road, Penarth** – retention of garage.

Mr Xavier Rush – **barns at West Aberthaw Farm, Aberthaw** – conversion of redundant barns to provide four residential units.

Mr and Mrs Darren Raisis – **Lee Croft, 135 Colcot Road, Barry** – two storey side extension and associated works for disabled occupancy.

Llanmoor Development Co Ltd – **Elms Farm, off Stryd Silurian, Llanharry** – development of site to provide up to 80 dwellings with associated infrastructure (outline).

Mr Lee James – **18 Clive Place, Penarth** – internal and external alterations, demolition of existing garage and construction of proposed garage.

Persimmon Homes East Wales – **site known as West Pond, Barry Waterfront, Barry** – change of use of land at West Pond, Barry to a marketing suite.

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They had been working in a Barry church and had saved the marble memorial before it was disposed of.

The Trinity Presbyterian Church memorial lists the names of five local men who each laid down his life for this country during that terrible war.

Private **William Norman Hale** served with the 2nd (Welsh) Field Ambulance of the Royal Army Medical Corps. He was the son of William and Elsie Hale of School House in Sully, where his mother was a schoolmistress. William attended Cardiff High School before enlisting in the army at the start of the war.

Private Benjamin Jeremiah, 19.

ABOVE: Memorial from Trinity Presbyterian Church, Barry.

After no doubt helping to save many lives, William died of pneumonia aged 26 on November 28, 1918 and is buried in Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery.

Private **Thomas William Healey** was the son of William Healey of 36 Commercial Road. He had emigrated to Australia before the war and had lived there for three years before enlisting in the Australian Army in March 1916 at Freemantle, Western Australia. He gave his occupation as that of a waiter. On a return visit to Barry he married Edith Morgan on November 18, 1916 and she was living at 70 Broad Street. Edith remained in Barry awaiting his return from the war.

He was hospitalised with trench foot in December 1916 and returned for treatment in England before being sent back to the Front in July 1917. He was hospitalised again in August with scabies.

Thomas was killed on October 12, 1917, aged 25, while serving with the 34th Battalion of the Australian Infantry during the Battle of Passchendaele. His body was never identified and he is remembered with honour on the Menin Gate in Ypres.

Private **Benjamin Jeremiah**, aged 19, of the London Scottish Regiment, the eldest son of Mr B Jeremiah of 18 Barry Road, fell mortally wounded in action during the Battle of Cambrai in France on 23 November 1917 – a day of heavy fighting known as 'Bloody Friday'. He had been in the army for over twelve months and had been on active service in France for six months. The bereaved parents received a letter of sympathy from the King.

The young soldier was a former pupil of Cadoxton School and is remembered on the school memorial. His close friend, Private Reginald Williams from Cardiff, was killed in the same battle.

Lieutenant (Acting Captain) **Idris Roberts** from Cardiff Road served with the 17th Battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He was working in the Civil Service when he enlisted in January 1915, aged 19. He later married while home for a brief period on leave and had one child.

Idris had been educated at Cadoxton and Barry County Schools, and is remembered on those memorials too. He was top in the scholarship examination to enter the County School so a promising career beckoned.

Sadly, he died of wounds received in action on September 2, 1918 at a casualty clearing station as the result of a gunshot wound to his left shoulder. He is buried in Varennes Military Cemetery, north of Albert in France.

Thomas Charles Cooling died on June 24, 1922. He was the son of a dock constable and his brother William was a stretcher bearer with the 9th Devonshires who had been wounded in September 1915.

Thomas was a sergeant in the Royal Fusiliers and had never fully recovered from wounds received in 1916. After the war he had returned to his job at the Audit Office in the Docks Offices.

He had undergone several operations to no avail and he succumbed to the effects of his last operation in a hospital in Neath on the day of his intended marriage. Thomas was buried in Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery.

Thanks to the efforts of Harry and Rhys, a significant part of Barry's history has been saved, and I look forward to the time when the town has its own museum so that it can be properly displayed.

Should readers wish to learn more about Barry's role in the First World War, reference copies of my book, 'Barry and the Great War', are available in all local libraries.

World War One display in Barry

IN commemoration of World War One, Park Funeral Directors of Tynewydd Road, Barry have assembled a window display of interesting items and artifacts, with the help of Dr Jonathan Hicks, military historian and headmaster of St Cyres Comprehensive School, Penarth.

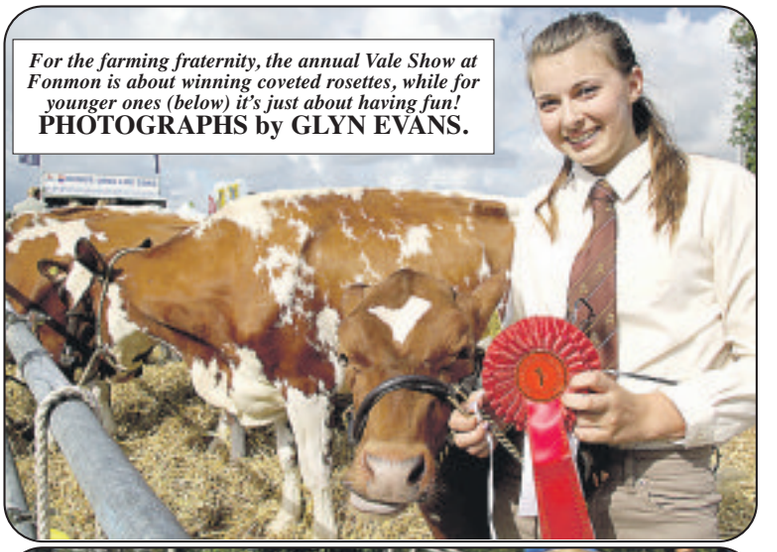
The display comprises military uniforms and medals from the war with a short history of one of Park Funeral Directors co-owner's relatives.

The late George James Ball served in the Royal Engineers for the entire conflict, as he was a fully qualified electrician with Cardiff Corporation Transport Trams (electrics being the new technology of that era).

Flags from different branches of the military service are displayed, in recognition of all those who gave their lives during the Great War.

The public is invited to call in to see the display.

Vale Show is the No.1 attraction!



For the farming fraternity, the annual Vale Show at Fonmon is about winning coveted rosettes, while for younger ones (below) it's just about having fun!
PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS.

NEW GARDEN

CHILDREN at Rhws Primary School Nursery have had an extra incentive to enjoy the recent sunny weather outdoors, thanks to the creation of a new garden.

Mrs Louise Davenport, nursery learning support assistant, has worked tirelessly to design and create the wildlife-friendly garden. Many of the materials have been donated by John Barlow of JJ Gardening Services, Rhoose.

It is intended that the garden will provide "a rich learning environment, through which the pupils will develop a love of nature and have fun learning valuable social, practical and life skills" .

The photograph (above) shows Louise with some of the nursery pupils.

Who wants to build what and where?

*Old Cowbridge Grammar School Management Limited – **Old Cowbridge Grammar School (Communial garden), Church Street, Cowbridge** – works to Copper beech.*

*Mrs Lisa Carson – **Shangri La, Barry Road, Dinas Powys** – provision of dog facilities, including new buildings and retention of four kennel cabins.*

*Mr and Mrs Matthew Gilbert – **28 Trem Y Don, Barry** – take down existing garage and lean-to porch and construct new extension to form sun lounge, utility room, study and shower room (with internal alterations to existing kitchen).*

*Mr and Mrs Steven Lewis – **The Links, off Pen Y Lan Road, Aberthin** – alteration and extension of existing dwelling.*

*Mr Hawkins – **27 Heol y Dryw, Rhoose** – conservatory extension to rear.*

RURAL CRIME COSTS ECONOMY £2m IN WALES

IN 2013, rural crime in Wales cost the economy an estimated £2m (up from £1.9m in 2012), according to a UK-wide survey by NFU Mutual.

Its annual Rural Crime Survey shows the nationwide cost of rural crime totalled an estimated £44.5m in 2013 – a rise of 5.2 per cent. The new figure reverses a fall of 19 per cent in 2012.

The most common items targeted by thieves in south and mid Wales over the last 12 months were tools, quad bikes and fuel such as domestic heating oil and farmers' supplies of 'red' diesel.

More than half of staff interviewed from hundreds of NFU Mutual offices in rural communities around the UK also said they'd seen customers suffer repeat crimes or had high-value items stolen. Although high-value thefts may be planned and highly organised, the number of stolen garden tools and ornaments indicates opportunist thieves continue to target gardens and outbuildings.

Julian Kelly, NFU Mutual Agent in Bridgend, said: "The cost of claims is increasing as a result of more high-value items being stolen. That's why it's important to stay vigilant and fight rural crime. Our experience with people who live and work in rural areas of South Wales clearly shows that theft is more than just a setback – it can be devastating for businesses and families.

"One of the rural community's best assets is its people who can work together to safeguard the local neighbourhood. That is why NFU Mutual organises the Country Crime Fighters Awards, a nationwide competition to support and encourage fantastic examples of crime prevention taking place in the countryside. You can enter or nominate someone on our website."

For more information on the Rural Crime Survey, visit www.nfumutual.co.uk/ruralcrime.

'Meic' offers exam students support

STUDENTS anxious over A-level, GCSE, and other exam results, can get emotional support by calling 'Meic', the Communities and Tackling Poverty Minister Jeff Cuthbert said this week.

'Meic' has an ongoing Facebook campaign to make young people aware that whatever their problem, they are there to listen.

The Welsh Government-funded helpline service for children and young people up to the age of 25 in Wales is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It can be contacted by phone, SMS text and instant messaging.

Since going 24/7 in January 2011, just over 20,000 children and young people have contacted Meic.

The Welsh Government provides £850,000 of funding to support the service.

Meic can be accessed online at www.meiccymru.org or by calling 0808 80 23456.

Live a life of adventure...

with MARIA LEIJERSTAM

Double world record holder Maria Leijerstam from the Vale, founder of the Burn Series of multisport events and qualified personal trainer, inspires you with a weekly column on simple family sporting adventures in the beautiful countryside of south Wales.

Maria guides you on how and where in your area you can combine sport and fitness into family fun.

THIS week sees the world's best adventure racers taking part in a five-day non-stop race across Wales, finishing in Cardiff Bay on Friday, August 15.

Luckily, this race is not too effected by the weather as these experienced racers are prepared for anything, wind, rain and even snow.

The event began in Caernarfon on Monday morning at 8am and over the course of the week follows the very best that Wales has to offer: A paddle in the Menai straits, a bike ride through the Snowdonia National Park, a paddle to Barmouth, run over Cadair Idris, a cycle down the Elan Valley, paddle on the River Wye, run through the Black Mountain and then finishing off on bikes down the Taff Trail.

After five days of non stop racing with only a few hours of rest over the course of the race, you can expect to see some very tired looking competitors in Cardiff Bay on Friday.

Not all adventure races are quite as extreme as this one, but one thing they all have in common is that teams need to work together, to get through the unexpected.

Where navigation is essential to success, it's not always the fastest that win. Sometimes it's the teams that make the smartest decisions that win.

There is also a lot of skill involved in adventure racing. Adventure racers need to be fit but also need to be able to do multiple sports and challenges on route.

During the course of the week, the competitors in this race across Wales will also have to tackle some zip wires, orienteering, caving and probably some more unexpected surprises along the way.

Adventure races are now available for children and beginners in Wales and what better place to start off than in the safety of Margam Park where the Mini Burn Series is hosted. The next event is on October 5.

Make sure you join me next week for more adventures.

LEGION COFFEE

A COFFEE morning in aid of the Royal British Legion's Barry branch, is being held at Barry Central Bowls Club, Gladstone Gardens on Saturday, August 23 at 10.30am until 12pm; £2 entrance to include tea/coffee and a cake. Also raffle.

UNIVERSITY OFFERS FREE TESTS TO TEACHING CANDIDATES

A LEADING Welsh university is offering free tests worth up to £300, to enable prospective teacher training candidates to meet new entry requirements introduced by the Welsh Government.

From September onwards, it will be a statutory requirement for all students to have achieved B grades at GCSE-level in both maths and English, before beginning a teacher training course in Wales.

The new requirements have been introduced as part of a Welsh Government initiative to improve teaching standards at all levels across Wales.

As a result, University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD) will hold equivalency tests in both subjects on August 27 at partner organisation Coleg Sir Gâr's Pibwrlwyd campus in Carmarthen. These tests, which can cost up to £150 each, will be available free of charge to anyone applying for one of UWTSD's PGCE courses, provided they satisfy all the other entry requirements for their chosen course.

That would usually involve a good degree classification (2.2 or better) in a subject relevant to the curriculum subject they wish to teach.

The taught element of UWTSD's PGCE programme takes place at the Townhill campus in Swansea.

Students also undertake two teaching placements in partner schools and colleges across south Wales during the intensive one-year course.

There will be an open evening for UWTSD's PGCE Secondary courses from 4pm – 7pm on Thursday, 21 August at the Townhill campus. More information can be obtained by emailing teach@sm.uwtsd.ac.uk.

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- Mathematics
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- Physics
- Religious Education
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- Cemeg
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Open Evening: Townhill campus, 4pm–7pm on Thursday, 21 August

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RHOOSE WI REMEMBER THE CALL TO ARMS

RHOOSE WI commemorated the start of the First World War at their meeting on August 7 when the 'Winos' – the WI's drama group – using the words of soldiers serving in the conflict, showed their fellow members scenes from life at the Front.

The basis of this was 'The Wipers Times', a newspaper published at the Front by serving soldiers, for serving soldiers, and familiar songs such as 'Goodbye Dolly Grey' and 'Tipperary' were also used.

The programme opened with 'Oh it's a Lovely War', when Elsa Jones, as a recruiting sergeant, called upon the 'men of Rhoose' to join up and serve King and country!

Following scenes depicted troops leaving for the Front; a BEF Alphabet; 'Home Leave' and 'Life in the Trenches'. These were made poignant by the humour and pathos of the words of those brave men who contributed to 'The Wipers Times'.

Music and the sounds of battle were used to great effect, and the Winos and their stage-manager, Tricia Farley, did a splendid job. At the end of the performance, a candle of remembrance was lit and president Jenny Reed called on members who had lost relatives in the Great War to stand and name the fallen.

A number of members responded and a minute's silence followed.

Before supper, which was prepared by member Glenys Watson of 'Coffee Time', members were reminded of the following items: the centenary baton of the National Federation will arrive at the Senedd on August 22 at 11am; anyone wishing to attend should make their own way to the Bay and meet at the Senedd (buses leave Rhoose at 8.45am and 9.45am).

Anyone wishing to submit a resolution for consideration as the National Resolution for 2015 should do so now.

Models for next month's Fashion Show have been selected. Craft Club will meet at 5, Odyn's Fee at 2pm on August 21, when work will begin on the entry for the Christmas Tree Festival; and lunch club will meet at The Highwayman, Nurston at 12.30pm on August 28. (Weather permitting, those wishing to walk should meet at the village pump at 11.45am.)

The raffle was won by Susan Grant and Elsa Jones and the monthly competition by Jan Dally.

The next meeting of Rhoose WI will take place on September 4 at 7.30pm at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, when members can enjoy a fashion show by 'Samantha B' of Ewenny. New members and visitors will be welcome.

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Gwyl Cerdd Dant, Porthcawl

GWYL Cerdd Dant Porthcawl a'r Fro Festival Proclamation concert is at 6pm on Thursday, October 16, at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl; admission adults £5, children free.

The national Gwyl Cerdd Dant festival is Wales' biggest one-day festival and is a celebration of Welsh culture.

Every November more than 1,200 children, young people and adults from all over Wales and beyond take part in competitions, ranging from Welsh folk and penillion singing to reciting, instrumental solos and ensembles to folk dancing.

The Gwyl Cerdd Dant also attracts over 2,500 supporters, at least 50 per cent of whom stay in the host locality over the weekend. The event will bring considerable attention to the area as it will be broadcast live on television and radio throughout the day.

The proclamation concert programme is very diverse with an interesting variety of performances by the borough's Welsh medium schools in conjunction with Cantorion Coeti Singers and Penyfai Dancers. Aelwyd yr Urdd Porthcawl will also perform the welcome poem by Bridgend chaired bard Mari George to harp accompaniment.

The evening's proceeds will go towards Gwyl Cerdd Dant Porthcawl a'r Fro Festival's fundraising campaign.

Tickets available from Siop yr Hen Bont, Bridgend, at Bridgend County Borough Council, Welsh medium schools, or at the door.

CYHOEDDI Gŵyl Cerdd Dant Porthcawl a'r Fro 6 yr hwyr nos Iau Hydref yr 16eg, Eglwys yr Holl Saint, Porthcawl; £5 i Oedolion, Plant am Ddim.

Yr Ŵyl Gerdd Dant cenedlaethol yw gŵyl undydd mwyaf Cymru ac mae'n ddathliad o ddiwylliant Cymreig.

Pob mis Tachwedd mae mwy na 1,200 o blant, pobl ifanc ac oedolion o bob cwr o Gymru a thu hwnt yn cymryd rhan mewn cystadlaethau sy'n amrywio o ganu gwerin Cymreig, i gerdd dant, adrodd, unawdau offerynnol ac ensemblau i ddawnsio gwerin.

Mae'r Ŵyl Gerdd Dant hefyd yn denu dros 2,500 o gefnogwyr, gyda tua 50% ohonynt yn aros ym mro'r Ŵyl dros y penwythnos. Bydd y digwyddiad yn dwyn sylw sylweddol i'r ardal gan y bydd yn cael ei darlledu'n fyw ar y teledu ac ar y radio drwy gydol y dydd.

Mae rhaglen y gyngerdd cyhoeddi yn un amrywiol iawn gydag ysgolion Cyfrwng Cymraeg y fwrdeistref yn perfformio arlwy diddorol ar y cŷd â Chantorion Coeti a Dawnswyr Penyfai. Bydd Aelwyd yr Urdd Porthcawl hefyd yn perfformio ac yn datgan cywydd croeso y prifardd Mari George.

Bydd elw'r noson yn mynd tuag at ymgyrch codi arian Gwyl Cerdd Dant Porthcawl a'r Fro 2015.

Tocynnau ar gael o Siop yr Hen Bont ysgolion Cymraeg Bwrdeistref Sirol Penybont neu wrth y drws.

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NEWS FROM THE FONMON APIARY

Ups and downs of beekeeping

THE beekeeper's year is drawing to a close – but swarming is still taking place.

I have been called out to take care of two this month. However, a changing weather pattern is forecast and this should have some effect on the bees' behaviour.

Warm sunny days have certainly been a boon to all of the pollinating insects. The honeybees have responded very well, and as I have several apiaries to look to, at times I have not been able to keep up with the demand for more space that the expanding colonies require, and this is one of the reasons for the swarming.

Although swarming is a natural occurrence within a honeybee colony, and it is after all how the species ensure their survival, it does not always produce the correct end result.

What do I mean by this?

Let's look at a colony that is in swarming mode, to start with Queen cells are produced, the bees manufacture several so that they have a choice.

When the time is right, off goes the old Queen with a majority of the colony (a swarm), a mixture of old bees, young bees and drones (males). This exodus gives the remaining bees the space they require, and eventually one of those occupied Queen cells will produce a new virgin Queen.

The remaining Queen cells will be destroyed by the bees as they only require one Queen per colony.

Should things go to plan, the new Queen will at some time leave the hive and go on her mating flight. On her return as a mated Queen, the colony is once again in a stable condition and all should be well.

However, I am finding that in the colonies where swarming has occurred, there is no sign of eggs or larvae. This indicates that for some reason a laying Queen is not in residence. The future for this colony is not looking at all good.

Another reason for lack of colony stability is that several of the Queen cells all produce Queens at the same time. This gives rise to several small groups of bees, plus one of the several new Queens leaving the colony as a cast (a handful of bees).

This creates a very unstable condition and as bee numbers are reduced, there are not enough in residence to get things under control and provide the balance that is required. A colony without a functioning Queen is going to fail!

As I have several colonies in this state, I could see them die out. It is my intention to unite these bees without a Queen to others that have one, (a later article will explain this).

If all goes according to plan, the survival of a doomed colony will occur.

Beekeeping does have its ups and downs, and this year has provided me with some honey, as well as problems that I may or may not be able to solve. Programmes on TV show only the ups of beekeeping and many a newcomer is going to be very perplexed on occasions.

The bees at least know what they are doing, even if the beekeeper at times does not.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

Jason healing slowly... *and issues warning on spider danger*

by TIM CHAPMAN

TWO weeks ago, The GEM told the astonishing story of how a local Barry man had suffered following a spider bite – and had been told in hospital that further delay could have resulted in the amputation of his foot.

Thousands of people saw Jason Butler's story in The GEM newspaper and in its online editions. It even made national headlines.

The good news is that Jason (41) is continuing to make a recovery, although he is still enduring a lot of pain.

At the time of the bite, he was sorting things out in the shed attached to the side of his house. Five spiders ran out and he recalled: "One bit me on the ankle. I felt the pinch, grabbed it and pulled it off."

Visits to the doctor's and courses in antibiotics failed to stem the swelling. The site of the bite marks became a wound. Jason is thankful that his mum Susan stepped in and insisted that he go to the University Hospital of Wales.

He had to have two operations to drain the infection and fluid and was told that if he had delayed his visit a further 24 hours he could have been facing amputation of the foot.

Jason had to have follow-up treatment at the Heath and bumped into a woman whose thigh was swelling up after being bitten by a spider.

He identified his 'assailant' as a False Widow spider and wanted to warn people in Barry and the rest of the Vale through The GEM as to the dangers it posed.

Jason's wife Sonia, who is helping to care for him, said this week: "He is improving slowly, and the wound is healing gradually 'inside-out'. Jason is still in pain and on powerful painkillers. He is going to have tests to see if there is any nerve damage."

The False Widow.

Jason added: "I'm on morphine and if I catch my foot I get stabbing pains. I wouldn't like to see anyone go through this.

"I think I'm on the right track and that there has been a tremendous improvement on the way it was. I'm not sure if there has been nerve damage, though." He has to make a weekly visit to the GP who is monitoring the ankle.

Two GEM readers, John Wyatt and Tony Walters, called to say they had seen False Widows; John saw one in his garage and Tony in the shed.

Last week my dog Spike was bitten while he was out in the garden and he is now fighting for his life under the care of an animal surgeon in Bristol.

At first, vets thought he'd suffered a 'soft tissue' injury. But then his left side and leg swelled alarmingly and the surgeon shaved him and identified two bite marks about a centimetre apart. It looks as if he has been bitten by a spider or an adder.

We are experiencing unusually warm and muggy weather which might be encouraging certain insects, arachnids and reptiles, into the open.

While these incidents are relatively isolated, my advice to parents and grandparents is to ensure that children don't run around the garden barefoot. I think it is also advisable to be careful if you are sorting things out in a confined area, shed or garage.

Catfest goes for a Guinness World record attempt

CATS Protection Bridgend's adoption centre is urging people to support a cat-themed Guinness world record bid at Catfest 2014, on Saturday, August 16.

The event is being held to raise awareness and much-needed funds for the 180 plus cats and kittens currently homed at the Bridgend Adoption Centre, including recent additions, four-week-old Olivia and her littermates Opal, Oz and Orla.

The kittens were admitted to the centre in very poor condition, suffering from malnutrition and possible abuse; Olivia in particular weighed just 0.2kg and had a bruised, swollen face, alongside an injured hind foot.

The kittens are on the road to recovery, but funds are needed to help with continuing care for the 180 cats at the centre on Pant Hirwaun, Bryncethin.

Catfest 2014 will not only raise much-needed funds, but will see hopeful record breakers celebrating the centre's 20th anniversary by attempting to set the record for the largest gathering of people dressed as cats.

Taking place between 10.30am and 4pm, entrance is £1 for adults, and 50p for children, with all money going to charity. The record attempt takes place between 2pm–3pm.

Visitors will be able to take part in fun activities, and there are special guests Mickey Mouse and Hello Kitty. There will also be face painting, stalls and a bouncy castle.

Centre manager, Sue Dobbs, said: "Any cat costume, domestic or wild can be represented and we are looking forward to seeing lots of marvellous mogs, grumpy cats, wild whiskers, posh paws and cute kitties at Catfest 2014."

For full details, call 01656 723496, visit www.bridgend.cats.org.uk or turn up from 10.30am on Saturday, August 16.

Pals' charity cycle ride for Marie Curie hospice

ABOVE: Two friends Ride London – Surrey in memory of Sara Cater.

TWO friends from Cowbridge, Bob Cater and Glyn Thomas, completed the Ride London-Surrey 100 cycle last weekend, raising funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care in memory of Sara Cater, who lost her battle with cancer in August 2012.

With more than 20,000 cyclists taking part, the ride started at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in east London and travelled through the city to Surrey, before making its way back into London and finishing along The Mall.

Despite the race being badly affected by the remnants of Hurricane Bertha, with riders facing treacherous conditions due to torrential rain, months of training with their friends at CRFC Bike Club paid dividends – and the pair finished the course in a good time.

Bob and Glyn would like to thank their families, friends, colleagues and Glyn's employer UK Steel Enterprise Ltd, for their support, all of which has enabled them to exceed their £2,000 fundraising target for the charity which runs the hospice in Penarth.

Bob said: "It was a little disappointing that the original route was changed, but understandable given the dangerous conditions which provided some added challenges for us.

"We were lucky to make it around without any incidents and despite the weather, the number of supporters along the route during the ride made for a fantastic experience.

"We have been overwhelmed by people's generosity and support in doing this challenge and would like to thank everyone who has helped us raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

"The staff at Marie Curie make a huge difference in the worst of situations, the work they do is incredible and completely reliant on public donations."

If anyone would like to sponsor Bob and Glyn, please visit their sponsorship page at www.justgiving.com/bobandglyn1/

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D839.

- **£2,000:** 596451.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £2,000 was not won this week.**
- **£10:** 250501, 561100, 180666, 148669, 427645, 528157, 688958, 114446, 683031, 481224, 458317, 888545, 846612, 894152, 989954, 756049, 535412, 239629, 168482, 111627.
- **£5:** 493290, 791271, 516822, 727019, 175710, 593151, 460590, 852621, 190791, 282431, 249957, 503158, 173279, 388123, 347171, 199021, 543190, 372350, 819278, 229024, 469851, 337486, 588060, 335115, 101149, 164354, 395786, 552953, 151859, 846958, 282724, 347863, 314471, 368930, 653174, 496991, 396190, 564164, 741203, 969929, 105027, 788640, 899556, 793321, 211839, 400803, 393252, 467378, 537006, 674848, 469447, 859654, 370083, 324301, 491659, 158603, 234557, 428510, 00298, 001379.

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

VCVCS WORK IS HIGHLIGHTED AT EISTEDDFOD

A HERITAGE Lottery project 'Barry – A New Community', supported by Vale Centre for Voluntary Services (VCVS), was showcased at the National Eisteddfod in Llanelli last week.

It focuses on Barry during the boom years of the docks and coincides with the 100 year anniversary of World War One and Jamie Baker from VCVS showed local AM Jane Hutt a display of Barry family history.

The AM also congratulated the Learners' Choir, including Vale singers, directed by Dot Connell, which won first prize in the learners' section.

ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM with Jamie Baker from VCVS at the Eisteddfod.

Hospice receives £7,765 donation

THE Perkins family have held their successful annual fundraiser in memory of the late Mrs Barbara Perkins, with proceeds donated to Marie Curie hospice, Penarth.

The fabulous summer weather marked the start of a most enjoyable evening held at Cottrell Park Golf Club's marquee on July 5.

The 250 guests danced to music by Leighton Jones, singing and playing guitar.

The auctioneer was Robin Jones of Watts and Morgan, who did a great job of getting through in excess of 30 plus items.

The event made a grand total of £7,765, and in all over the last three years, over £25,000 has been donated. The family would like to give a huge thank you to all involved with organising, the staff at Cottrell Park, the generosity of the people who donated the prizes and to the people who attended.

We look forward to seeing you all in June 2015.

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Gas safety checks at local takeaways

LOCAL businesses are being warned to ensure that only trained gas engineers are employed to carry out work on their premises.

Following a spate of instances where unregistered engineers have carried out work using false certificates, public protection officers from the Vale Council are currently carrying out safety checks at Barry takeaways.

"Establishments have been provided with information that will allow the owners to check the credentials of any gas engineer before they begin the work," a spokesperson said.

"Work carried out by a non-registered engineer will not be recognised as being carried out by a competent person and both the gas engineer and the owner could be prosecuted.

"The safety certificate provided would be null and void and it might transpire that your gas installation is not safe," the spokesperson warned.

"Before engaging anyone to carry out gas work owners should check if the business is registered, and check the engineers are qualified to carry out the type of work you require and work on the type of equipment you have.

"Above all, you should check the identity and qualifications of the engineer on arrival by looking at their Gas Safe Licence Card."

For further information, contact Regservices@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or register a service request on 01446 709105.

Registered businesses and engineers can be found on the Gas Safe website at http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/.

Alternatively, Gas Safe can be contacted via telephone on 0800 408 5500.

GEM reader gives junk mail tips...

SOME weeks ago you published an article from Andrew RT Davies which discussed the nuisance of unsolicited junk mail.

My wife and I have dealt with this mail in what we consider to be a fairly novel way, which I believe if every household adopted it would serve to discourage the senders from bombarding us with this rubbish.

Our solution is to remove our address from any of the paperwork contained in the letter and then put it into any return envelope supplied, along with any other leaflet or unsolicited letter which has come through the door and then post it back to the sender.

This has the following effects: the sender has to pay for the return postage to have their junk returned to them; the sender has to pay someone to open and sort the rubbish; the sender then has to pay for the paper to be recycled.

It seems to me that if enough of us were to follow this procedure, the cost to the senders would be so high that they would be discouraged from plaguing us with their rubbish.

I hope that if you publish this letter it will encourage others to copy our solution.

Dean T Cross,
Barry.

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LIFEGUARDS' JUNIOR, SENIOR AND MASTERS' TEAMS SHINE IN WELSH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior and senior team.

Masters' team.

THE summer season of competitions started for Rhoose Lifeguards with the masters team travelling to St David's, Pembrokeshire for the Welsh Surf Life Saving Welsh Championships on July 26.

A smaller team than previous years were still keen to take on the events, including surf ski and board races, sea swims, ocean man and lady, beach sprints, long runs and beach flags, as well as relays in many of the above.

Conditions at lifeguard events over recent years have been quite challenging, but this year were excellent, with sunshine all day and calm sea conditions.

The team of Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, Melissa Downton, Heddus Davies, Dominic Lee, Jamie Downton and Jon Foster all achieved medals either in the individual or relay events, with special congratulations to Karen, Melissa, Heddus and Jon for winning gold medals in their 'individual' races.

Well done to the masters team who finished in fourth place overall and thank you also to Melissa for arranging the 'after competition' meal for the team and their families.

A list of the individual medal winners in their age categories are: Heddus Davies – Gold 1km run, Gold board race, Silver beach sprint, Bronze surf swim; Jon Foster – Gold 1km run, Silver beach flags, Silver beach sprint; Melissa Downton – Gold 1km run, Silver beach sprint, Bronze beach flags, Bronze surf swim, Bronze board race; Karen O'Donoghue-Harris – Gold board race, Gold surf swim, Gold ski race, Silver ocean lady; Dominic Lee – Silver 1km run.

Following a successful competition for the masters team, the weekend of August 2 and 3 saw the turn of the junior and senior teams to take part in the Welsh Championships, this time held over two days at Aberavon beach.

Kelsea and Ellie Peterson and Georgia Wall.

Ladies relay team.

With a team of 13 juniors and two seniors (with Karen from the masters team competing for the senior team) the teams again showed some very impressive performances in the beach and sea events.

The team, managed by Steve Baker, junior coordinator, won many medals with 'individual' gold medals awarded to Welsh champions Kelsea Peterson and Ellie Peterson from the junior team and Tanara O'Neill from the seniors.

A number of gold medals in the team and relay events were also awarded to Karen and Tanara (double ski), Sara and Lauren (double ski and board rescue), Maisie and Kelsea (double ski), Alex and Finn (double ski) and Dyfan, Tomos, Ellie and Jessica (sprint relay), Lauren, Karen and Tanara (ski relay), Kelsea, Ellie and Georgia (ski relay) and Kelsea, Ellie and Jessica (board relay).

The junior team finished in third place with the seniors achieving sixth place overall. Well done all, for an excellent weekend, and thanks to everyone involved with the club who helped with marshalling and other duties.

INDIVIDUAL MEDALS WINNERS

Kelsea Peterson – Gold ski race, Gold board race, Gold ocean lady, Gold beach flags, Bronze surf swim; Lauren Blake – Silver ski race, Silver board race, Silver ocean lady; Sara Philips – Bronze board race, Bronze ocean lady; Ellie Peterson – Gold beach flags, Silver beach sprint; Jessica Wadey – Bronze beach sprint; Jason Grice – Silver ski race; Alex Parry – Bronze ski race; Tomos Wilshaw – Bronze board race; Tanara O'Neill – Gold ski race; Karen O'Donoghue-Harris – Silver ski race, Silver board race.

Junior team: Kelsea Peterson, Ellie Peterson, Lauren Blake, Sara Phillips, Jessica Wadey, Maisie James, Georgia Wall, Jason Grice, Alex Parry, Finn Rees, Tomos Wilshaw, Dyfan Goode, Declan Ewington.

Senior team: Tanara O'Neill and Karen O'Donoghue-Harris.

We will be reporting again soon following the Nippers competition, again being held at Aberavon.

Sprint relay team.

Maise James and Kelsea Peterson.

Men's relay team.

Finn Rees and Alex Parry.

Jason Grice and Dyfan Goode.

Senior ladies' relay team.

Sara Phillips and Lauren Blake.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COLDBROOK CATCHMENT FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME, BARRY

The Environmental Impact Assessment (Land Drainage Improvement Works) Regulations 1999 (as amended by SI 2005/1399 and SI 2006/618)

The Vale of Glamorgan Council pursuant to The Environmental Impact Assessment (Land Drainage Improvement Works) Regulations 1999 (as amended in 2005 and 2006) hereby wishes to give notice that it proposes to carry out land drainage improvement works at the above location.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council as Local Planning Authority has considered that this scheme, would fall within the provisions of Class A, Part 14 of Schedule 2 of the General Permitted Development Order 1995. For such schemes, environmental impact is assessed under the above named Regulations.

It is intended to improve the open and culverted sections of the Coldbrook watercourse from Merthyr Dyfan Road to the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road and to improve land drainage generally within the catchment area of the watercourse.

A notice for the following works, for which the Vale of Glamorgan considered would not have a significant Environment Impact, was published in October 2012 and received no representations:

- Demolition of an existing structure and construction of a new culvert inlet structure and screen at Merthyr Dyfan Road
- Replacement and repair of defective sections of culvert in Merthyr Dyfan Road, Smithies Field, Redberth Close, Lydstep Road, Carew Close, Oakfield Primary School
- Demolition of an existing structure and construction of a new culvert inlet structure and screen at the rear of Redberth Close
- Demolition of an existing structure and construction of a new culvert outlet structure and screen at Dyfan Road Public Open Space
- Demolition of an existing structure and construction of a new culvert inlet structure and screen at Dyfan Road Public Open Space
- Construction a flood water storage area in Dyfan Road Public Open Space consisting of low height grass covered earth banks with associated outlet structure and access improvements for maintenance
- Construction of a new culvert inlet structure and screen at Price Avenue
- Construction of a new culvert inlet structure and screen at Brookfield Avenue
- Construction of new culvert inlet and outlet structures at Meadow Vale
- Construction of a new culvert inlet structure and screen at Coldbrook Road East
- Reprofiling of approximately 100m of the open watercourse channel from just upstream of the confluence of the Coldbrook and Channels Girt watercourses at Brookfield Avenue to midway between the roads Meadow Vale and Coldbrook Road East.
- General cleansing and removal of intrusions and obstructions within the culvert and open sections of watercourse between Merthyr Dyfan Road and A4231 Barry Docks Link Road, including the line of the open water course from Robins Lane to the Channels Girt watercourse near Brookfield Avenue / Meadow Vale and the line of the ditch between Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant and behind Laburnum Close.
- Land Drainage improvements at Cemetery Road and along Merthyr Dyfan Road and Lydstep Road, including additional gullies and a carrier drain to the Coldbrook Culvert near Redberth Close, and reprofiling of the highway at the bottom end of Merthyr Dyfan Road.
- Land Drainage improvements at Carew Close / Lydstep Road, including additional gul lies and a carrier drain to the Coldbrook Culvert.
- Land Drainage improvements at Solva Close, including additional gullies and a carrier drain to the Coldbrook Culvert in Oakfield Primary School
- Land Drainage improvements at Oakfield Primary School / Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant.
- Land Drainage improvements at Dyfan Road / Gibbonsdown Rise, including additional gullies and a carrier drain to the Coldbrook Culvert
- Land Drainage improvements in vacant land off Robins Lane by increasing a tributary culvert size and in Robins Lane by the addition of road gullies
- Land Drainage improvements in the grounds of Bryn Hafren School.

Under Regulation 5 (3) the Vale of Glamorgan have carried out the works at Heathfield Drive and Oakfield Primary School / Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant and intend to proceed to carry out the other works listed above (except as altered below).

Since the 2012 Notice the nature, size and location of some elements of proposed work have been altered and further areas of work elements of work have been designed. The nature, size and location of the new or amended proposed improvement works are as follows:

- Deepening and widening the land drainage ditch located between Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant and Laburnum Close to allow outfall of the Land Drainage improvements at Oakfield Primary School / Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant.
- Construction of a larger flood water storage area in Dyfan Road Public Open Space, to reduce flood flows in the downstream culvert and watercourse, consisting of excavation and filling works to form grass covered earth banks up to 3.5m high with associated extensions to culverts, inlet / outlet structures, sewer diversions and access improve ments for maintenance.
- Construction of an underground piped overflow link between the two watercourses at Brock Street in order to improve the balance of flows in the Coldbrook Culvert and Old Coldbrook watercourse and reduce flows which could cause flooding form the culvert in Coldbrook Road East.
- Removal and replacement of a private access footbridge at Bron Y Nant to increase capacity for flow within the Old Coldbrook watercourse.
- Construction of a new 'overflow' culvert and associated inlet and outlet structures and screens at Brookfield Avenue to convey greater flows to Channels Girt in flood and reduce risk of flooding to properties on Meadow Vale upstream of the culvert.
- Construction of a new 'low level' culvert and associated inlet and outlet structures at Meadow Vale to allow the existing culvert at Brookfield Avenue upstream (which is cur rently set lower) to freely drain.
- Improve the conveyance capacity of the existing Channels Girt branch culvert in the rear garden of 7 Solent Road by the removal of a 1100mm diameter culvert which is restricting flood flows and replacement with a 3600mm wide x 1800mm high box culvert and new chamber, in order to reduce risk of flood waters overtopping the Coldbrook Road East culvert headwall.
- Improve the conveyance capacity of the Coldbrook culvert in the lower reaches of Coldbrook Road East by the installation of an additional culvert beneath Langlands and Solent Road, re-joining the Coldbrook culvert at a point where it has greater capacity, in order to reduce risk of flooding from the Coldbrook Culvert in Coldbrook Road East.

The Vale of Glamorgan consider that the new and amended proposed improvement works listed above are not likely to have a significant effect on the environment and as such it is not intended to prepare an Environmental Statement in respect of the proposed improvement works.

Notice is hereby given that should any person wish to make representations in relation to the likely environmental effects of the new and amended proposed improvement works they should do so in writing to Director of Visible Services & Housing at the address specified below within 28 days of the date of publication of this notice. Further information regarding the proposed works is available from the address below or at the Civic Offices Holton Road Barry CF63 4RU

Dated the 14th day of August 2014

Director of Visible Services and Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Alps Depot
Wenvoe CF5 6AA

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

CYNLLUN RHEOLI PERYGL LLIFOGYDD YN NALGYLCH COLDBROOK Y BARRI

Rheoliadau Asesu Effaith Amgylcheddol (Gwaith Gwella Systemau Draenio Tir) 1999 (fel y'u diwygiwyd yn 2005 a 2006)

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn unol â Rheoliadau Asesu Effaith Amgylcheddol (Gwaith Gwella Systemau Draenio Tir) 1999 (fel y'u diwygiwyd yn 2005 a 2006), trwy hyn, yn rhybuddio ei fod am wneud gwaith er mwyn gwella'r systemau draenio tir yn y lleoliad uchod.

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, fel yr Awdurdod Cynllunio Lleol, yn ystyried y byddai'r cynllun hwn yn dod o dan ddarpariaethau Dosbarth A, Rhan 14 Atodlen 2, Gorchymyn Datblygu Cyffredinol a Ganiateir 1995. Bydd effaith cynlluniau o'r math hwn ar yr amgylchedd yn cael ei hasesu o dan y Rheoliadau a enwyd uchod.

Y bwriad yw gwella rhannau agored a chylfatiau cwrs d r Coldbrook rhwng Merthyr Dyfan Road a Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri A2431, a gwella'r system ddraenio'n gyffredinol yn nalgylch y cwrs d r.

Cyhoeddwyd hysbysiad am y gwaith canlynol na fydd ym marn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn cael llawer iawn o effaith ar yr amgylchedd, yn Hydref 2012, ac ni ddaeth unrhyw sylwadau i law.

- Dymchwel yr adeiladwaith presennol ac adeiladu blaen cylfat newydd a sgrin ym Merthyr Dyfan Road;
- Ailosod a thrwsio rhannau diffygiol cylfatiau ym Merthyr Dyfan Road, Smithies Field, Redberth Close, Lydstep Road, Carew Close ac ysgol gynradd Oakfield;
- Dymchwel yr adeiladwaith presennol ac adeiladu blaen cylfat newydd a sgrin y tu ôl i Redberth Close;
- Dymchwel yr adeiladwaith presennol ac adeiladu allanfa gylfat newydd a sgrin ym man agored gyhoeddus Dyfan Road;
- Dymchwel yr adeiladwaith presennol ac adeiladu blaen cylfat newydd a sgrin ym man agored gyhoeddus Dyfan Road;
- Darparu cronfa d r llifogydd ym man agored gyhoeddus Dyfan Road a chloddiau pridd gwelltog isel o'i hamgylch, a hefyd wella'r allanfa a mynediad ar gyfer ei chynnal a'i chadw;
- Adeiladu blaen cylfat newydd a sgrin yn Price Avenue;
- Adeiladu blaen cylfat newydd a sgrin yn Brookfield Avenue;
- Adeiladu blaen ac allanfa cylfat newydd yn Meadow Vale;
- Adeiladu blaen cylfat newydd a sgrin yn Coldbrook Road East;
- Ailwampio rhyw 100 medr o'r cwrs d r agored rhwng man sydd ychydig ymhellach i fyny'r safle na chydlifiad cyrsiau d r Coldbrook a Channels Girt yn Brookfield Avenue a man sydd ryw hanner ffordd rhwng heolydd Meadow Vale a Coldbrook East;
- Glanhau'n gyffredinol a chael gwared ar unrhyw rwystrau yng nghylfatiau a rhannau agored y cwrs d r rhwng Merthyr Dyfan Road a Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri A4231, a hefyd wely'r cwrs d r agored rhwng Robins Lane a chwrs d r Channels Girt ger Brookfield Avenue / Meadow Vale, a gwely'r ffos rhwng Ysgol Gwaun y Nant a'r tir y tu ôl i Laburnum Close;
- Gwella'r system draenio tir y tu ôl i dai Heathfield Drive;
- Gwella'r system draenio tir yn Cemetery Road ac ar hyd Merthyr Dyfan Road a Lydstep Road, a darparu gylïau ychwanegol a phrif ddraen ar gyfer cylfat Coldbrook ger Redberth Close, ac ailwampio'r briffordd ar waelod Merthyr Dyfan Road;
- Gwella'r system draenio tir yn Carew Close / Lydstep Road, a darparu gylïau ychwane gol a phrif ddraen ar gyfer cylfat Coldbrook;
- Gwella'r system draenio tir yn Solva Close, a darparu gylïau ychwanegol a phrif ddraen ar gyfer cylfat Coldbrook yn ysgol gynradd Oakfield;
- Gwella'r system draenio tir yn ysgol gynradd Oakfield / Ysgol Gwaun y Nant;
- Gwella'r system draenio tir yn Dyfan Road / Gibbonsdown Rise, a darparu gylïau ych wanegol a phrif ddraen ar gyfer cylfat Coldbrook;
- Gwella'r system draenio ar gyfer tir gwag oddi ar Robins Lane drwy ddarparu cylfat ate gol mwy o faint ac yn Robins Lane ei hun drwy ddarparu cwteri ffordd ychwanegol.
- Gwella'r system ar gyfer draenio tiroedd ysgol Bryn Hafren School.

O dan Reoliad 5 (3), y mae'r Cyngor wedi dod i ben â'r gwaith yn Heathfield Drive ac ysgol gynradd Oakfield / Ysgol Gwaun y Nant ac yn bwriadu cyflawni gweddill y gwaith yn ôl y rhestr uchod (ac eithrio lle bo newid wedi'i nodi isod).

Ers cyhoeddi hysbysiad 2012, y mae natur, maint a lleoliad rhai agweddau ar y gwaith arfaethedig wedi newid, a chafodd elfennau a meysydd gwaith ychwanegol eu cynllunio. Dyma natur, maint a lleoliad y gwaith gwella newydd a diwygiedig:

- Dyfnhau a lledu'r ffos ddraenio tir rhwng Ysgol Gwaun y Nant a Laburnum Close, er mwyn gwneud lle i arllwysfa dd r pan fydd y system ddraenio tir yn Ysgol Gynradd Oakfield / Ysgol Gwaun y Nant yn cael ei gwella.
- Darparu cronfa fwy o faint ar gyfer d r llifogydd ym man agored gyhoeddus Dyfan Road er mwyn lleihau llif y d r llifogydd yn y cylfat a'r cwrs d r islaw'r safle. Bydd angen gwneud gwaith palu a llenwi er mwyn codi cloddiau pridd gwelltog 3.5m o uchder. Byddwn hefyd yn ymestyn y cylfatiau, y blaenau cylfat a'r allanfeydd, yn dar gyfeirio carthffosydd ac yn gwella mynediad ar gyfer cynnal a chadw.
- Adeiladu piben orlif danddaearol sy'n cysylltu'r ddau gwrs d r yn Brock Street er mwyn cydbwyso llifau d r yng nghylfat Coldbrook a chwrs d r Hen Coldbrook a lleihau'r llif yng nghylfat Coldbrook Road East a allai achos llifogydd.
- Tynnu ac ailosod pompren breifat ym Mron y Nant er mwyn darparu ar gyfer llif cryfach yng nghwrs d r Hen Coldbrook.
- Adeiladu cylfat gorlif newydd a blaenau cylfat, allanfeydd a sgriniau cysylltiedig yn Brookfield Avenue er mwyn cael cludo mwy o dd r i Channels Girt ar adeg llifogydd, ac fel y bo llai o berygl llifogydd mewn eiddo yn Meadow Vale sydd ymhellach i fyny'r safle o'r cylfat.
- Adeiladu cylfat 'lefel isel' a blaenau cylfat ac allanfeydd cysylltiedig yn Meadow Lane er mwyn caniatáu i'r cylfat i fyny'r safle yn Brookfeild Avenue (sydd wedi'i osod yn is ar hyn o bryd) ddraenio'n rhydd.
- Darparu ar gyfer cludo mwy o dd r yn is-gylfat Channels Girt yng ngardd gefn 7 Solent Road, drwy symud cylfat 100mm ar ei draws sy'n rhwystro d r llifogydd, a gosod cylfat bocs uchel (3600 o led x 1800 o uchder) a siambr newydd yn ei le, fel na fo cymaint o berygl i dd r llifogydd godi'n uwch na mur cynhaliol cylfat Coldbrook Road East.
- Darparu ar gyfer cludo mwy o dd r yng nghylfat Coldbrook ym mhen isaf Coldbrook Road East, drwy osod cylfat ychwanegol o dan Langlands Road a Solent Road, a threfnu iddo ailymuno â chylfat Coldbrook lle y mae mwy o le ar gyfer y d r. Yn y modd yma, bydd llai o berygl i gylfat Coldbrook yn Coldbrook Road East orlifo.

Am na chredwn fod y gwaith newydd a'r gwaith addasu a gynigiwyd ac a restrwyd uchod yn debyg o effeithio ryw lawer ar yr amgylchedd, ni fwriadwn lunio Datganiad Amgylcheddol ar ei gyfer.

Gan hynny, rhybuddiwn y dylai unrhyw un sydd am wneud sylwadau ar effaith amgylcheddol debygol y gwaith newydd a'r gwaith addasu hwn, anfon llythyr i'r perwyl hwnnw at y Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai yn y cyfeiriad isod cyn pen 28 niwrnod ar ôl dyddiad yr hysbysiad hwn. Cewch ragor o wybodaeth am y gwaith arfaethedig drwy anfon llythyr i'r cyfeiriad isod neu alw heibio i Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Heol Holton, Y Barri CF63 4RU

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Tribute in needle point

BARRY Town councillor Shirley Hodges has created a stitched panel for the town council to commemorate the 125 years of Merthyr Dyfan cemetery.

She said: "I was thrilled at the opportunity to celebrate two things I love – beautiful Merthyr Dyfan cemetery and needlepoint sewing. It was a pleasure to gift the panel to the Town Council and I would like to thank all of my friends whose advice I took on what to include in the panel.

"It took me three months to complete the sewing in wool on canvas in cross stitch and double cross stitch. It shows the chapel and the water fountain together with headstones connecting earth and nature as the tree climbs upwards and the three birds fly higher towards heaven.

"The panel is in subdued tones – the only vivid colour is the poppy, a symbol to remind us of the many war graves at the cemetery."

The Town Council has an open day on Saturday, September 13 at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery to commemorate 125 years of service to the Barry Community.

'DIESEL GALA'

THIS weekend, August 16-17, the Barry Tourist Railway is holding a 'diesel gala'.

From its base in Barry Island Station, at 11am-4pm each day, there will be conducted shed tours.

Diesel locomotives will be departing at 11.45am, 1.30pm, 2.30pm, and 3.30pm for a 45-minute round trip. The 1940s cafe will be serving drinks and light snacks.

For more information, contact John Buxton on 01446 748816.

LOCAL MP: 'Ambulance response times are deteriorating in Vale'

THE new Welsh Office Minister, Alun Cairns MP, has highlighted figures released by the Government, reporting that just 48.9 per cent of ambulances responding to emergency calls across the Vale did so within the target of eight minutes in June.

This has fallen from 56.1 per cent in June 2013 and from 66.8 per cent in June 2012.

The Vale MP recently worked a night shift with police in Barry, personally experiencing an urgent ambulance call that took one hour and five minutes to arrive.

Mr Cairns said: "Ambulance targets in Wales have been missed 21 months of the last 22, while response times in Barry and the rest of the Vale raise serious concerns.

"The chances of survival for a patient requiring emergency treatment are dramatically improved if the right care can be given quickly and too many patients in the Vale are not getting seen quickly enough.

"During my night shift with South Wales Police, I witnessed that despite the tremendous efforts of the staff at the ambulance control room and the paramedics, ambulance waiting times need to be drastically improved.

"At one incident I attended, it took one hour and 5 minutes for the ambulance to arrive. This was an outrageous risk to the individual concerned as their health deteriorated in the time.

"In addition, there was the loss of resource to the community – three police officers were tied up waiting. More needs to be done to support the paramedics and hospital staff to allow them to do their job to the best of their ability.

"In the whole of Wales, only 54.1 per cent of ambulances arrived at the scene within eight minutes, while England managed 74.4 per cent.

"I will continue to press the matter with the Welsh Government. This cannot continue."

***Mike Collins, the Trust's director of service delivery, responded**: "The Welsh Ambulance Service took 35,570 calls in June, up by 1,699 calls from the same period last year. Of these calls, 14,167 were of the most serious in nature, up by 839 calls from the same period last year.*

"We recognise that on occasion we fall short of the eight-minute target but are working, and will continue to work, as hard as we can, to get to patients as quickly as possible.

"Earlier this month, Trust Board members pledged their support for our ambitious Performance Improvement Plan, and the necessary actions which we anticipate will help us to deliver sustainable improved performance.

"They include the recruitment of more frontline staff, increased contribution by our Community First Responders, a concerted effort to reduce sickness absence and a drive to curtail unnecessary calls.

"We have been working closely with our Local Health Board colleagues to reduce the delays in handing patients over to the care of the hospitals throughout Wales and we have seen real advancement. However, we believe there is still room for significant further improvement.

"Handover delays remain of great concern, not only because we are unable to respond to other 999 calls in the community, but because of the experience of patients who wait in an ambulance to be admitted to the emergency department while these delays occur.

"Our Trust is facing its most serious challenge to date with regard to performance, but it is one we are confident we can overcome if we continue to work hard, work in the smartest way possible, and ensure that we deliver an effective service.

"Once again, we remind the public to 'Choose Well' and use NHS services appropriately; NHS Direct Wales, out-of-hour GP services and pharmacies are all available for healthcare and advice for minor illnesses and injuries.

"Please remember only to dial 999 if someone is seriously ill or injured, or their life is at risk," he urged.

John Buxton of the Barry Tourist Railway with Sqn Ldr Mike Ling, or the Red Arrows.

Leader spearheads Red Arrows visit

IN preparation for the Red Arrows display at Barry Island, as part of the Barry Wartime Weekend, Squadron Leader Mike Ling, 'Red Ten' of the iconic RAF Red Arrows display team, has flown in for a site visit.

Red Ten and his team landed their 'Squirrel' helicopter at the Hood Road Field, before travelling to Barry Island for a meeting with John Buxton, of the Barry Tourist Railway.

John and the team have worked wonders in securing the display at Barry Island by the Red Arrows.

Having the unique display take place over 'The Island' is a real feather in Barry's cap, and we hope the event will draw thousands of visitors to the town.

Weather permitting it will take place from 1pm on Saturday August 30. Centre point of the display will be John's Cafe, a supporter of the wartime museum on the Island, and Wartime Weekend sponsor.

We recommend following Barry at War on Facebook or Twitter for the latest information, and we will be operating a social media feed throughout the event, for up-to-the-minute news.

To aid traffic and parking, the Barry Tourist Railway will be operating a continuous shuttle train Park & Ride from the Hood Road site, opposite the Barry Premier Inn. Tickets are just £5 for a car of up to four people, and £10 for over four people. This makes the Park & Ride convenient and good value too.

Visitors taking the Park & Ride train will also be helping to support this free community event.

Barry Island Railway Station will come alive to the sounds of the forties performed by former Barry Butlins' Redcoat, Sandy Sparkle, supported by Ricky Hunter and Arthur Cook.

You can find out more about the Barry Wartime Weekend at the website, www.wartimeweekend.co.uk or by calling into the Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre at Barry Island Railway Station any Wednesday afternoon, from 2pm – 4pm. Admission is free.

Ade Pitman

Journey through coal, ice cream, trams... *AND THE BEACONS!*

NINE Penarth and District Ramblers and Jodie the dog joined Joy at Wenvoe village for a four-mile evening ramble under the main Port Road, through a series of stiles and the old dismantled railway track to Wrinstone Farm, where a small medieval village stood in the 12th century.

They crossed a meadow into woodland, where the path led downhill beside the pretty Wrinstone Brook to the Salmon Leaps below Cwrt-yr-Ala House.

During the 18th century, the Cwrt-yr Ala estate was owned by the Rous family, but the present house was built for Sir Herbert Merrett, a prominent Welsh coal exporter, who later became the owner of Cardiff City Football Club and who purchased the estate in 1937.

A lane led the group past the newly-installed barn and the home of Fablas Ice Cream, where the mixed herd of beautiful Jersey and Holstein Friesian cattle wander freely in with the expectation of being fed, to be milked robotically.

From The Lawns, a pathway through a small wood led to Cwm Slade and by lane and playing field they returned to Wenvoe and rounded off the evening with a cool drink in the Wenvoe Arms.

Park walk

JAN and John were joined by ten walkers who journeyed up to Nine Mile Point car park in the Sirhowy Valley Country Park, once the site of a large colliery and named because of its distance from Newport via the Sirhowy Tramroad.

They set off on the fairly long climb up to the ridgeway, enjoying many of the fine surrounding views of the Ebbw Valley, as they climbed towards their intended target – Mynydd Machen.

The tall TV transmission mast near the summit is a landmark that can be viewed for miles around and during lunch near the 362-metre trig point on the summit, there were plenty of views to be enjoyed – stretching north to the Brecon Beacons, east to the hill fort of Twmbarlwm, south east to the Severn Estuary and southwest to Flat Holm and Cardiff.

They journeyed downhill towards Machen and headed north, then westwards towards Risca, climbing over the remains of the old mountain ropeway used to haul spoil from the mines in the valley up onto the mountain top – before pathways through a wood and a paddle across a brook led them back to their start.

On August 16, meet at 9.30am on Barry Waterfront for a 6-mile moderate walk to Mynydd y Capel and Cwm Cothi; contact Barbara on 01446 794313.

To follow the group log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

(BUTTRILLS ROAD (PART), BARRY) (20 MPH ZONE) ORDER 2014

1) On the 11th August 2014 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections1, 2 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), sections 90A&C of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended), the provisions contained within The Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999 and of all other enabling powers, made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

2) The Order will come into operation on the 18th August 2014 or on the date that the signs and road markings are in place whichever is the later and a copy of the Order and a plan showing the affected area may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

3) If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 18th August 2014 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

PART 1

4) No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour along the location specified in schedule 1 below.

5) Traffic calming measures, as described in column 1 of schedule 2, shall be introduced in order to reduce traffic speed and improve road safety, at the locations described in column 2 of schedule 2 below.

PART 2

6) The limitations and restrictions imposed by this Order and the lengths of highway to which they relate are those identified in drawing no T/14/16/MS that accompanies these schedules

SCHEDULE 1

7) No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than 20miles per hour along Buttrills Road Barry from a point 40 metres south of its junction with Barry Road to a point 70 metres north of its junction with Gladstone Road, a total distance of approximately 415 metres.

SCHEDULE 2

Type: Four sets of flat top speed cushions 65mm high x 1.9 metres long x 1750mm wide.

Location: Buttrills Road – the centres being approximately 117, 271, 350 and 424 metres north of their junction with Gladstone Road.

Type: A single flat top humped puffin crossing approximately 75mm high x 7.5 metres long x 6.0 metres wide.

Location: Buttrills Road – the centre being approximately 196 metres north of its junction with Gladstone Road

Dated this 14th day of August 2014

M. E. Punter
Director of Visible Services and Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2014

GORCHYMYN (ARDAL 20 M.Y.A.) (BUTTRILLS ROAD (RHAN YN UNIG), Y BARRI)

1) Ar 11 Awst 2014, yr oedd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adrannau 1, 2 ac 84 Deddf Rheoli Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (ddiwygiedig), adrannau 90A ac C Deddf Priffyrdd 1980 (ddiwygiedig), y darpariaethau yn Rheoliadau Priffyrdd (Twmpathau Ffordd) 1999 a phob pŵer galluogi arall, wedi gwneud Gorchymyn i'r diben cyffredinol a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodlenni isod.

2) Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 18 Awst 2014, a bydd copi o'r Gorchymyn a'r cynllun sy'n dangos yr ardal dan sylw i'w gweld yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

3) Os hoffech ddadlau'n erbyn dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'i ddarpariaethau am na chredwch fod gan y ddeddf uchod bŵer i'w gweithredu, neu am y tybiwch eu bod wedi methu â chydymffurfio â gofynion y ddeddf uchod neu un o'i hofferynnau, bydd gennych chwe wythnos o 18 Awst 2014 i wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwnnw.

RHAN 1

4) Ni fydd unrhyw un yn gyrru na chaniatáu i unrhyw un arall yrru'n gyflymach nag 20 milltir yr awr yn y fan a nodwyd yn Atodlen 1 isod.

5) Byddwn yn darparu yn y modd a ddisgrifiwyd yng ngholofn 1 atodlen 2 ar gyfer arafu llif y traffig a gwneud y ffordd yn fwy diogel yn y mannau a nodwyd yng ngholofn 2 atodlen 2 isod.

RHAN 2

6) Mae'r cyfyngiadau a osodir gan y Gorchymyn hwn a'r darnau perthnasol o'r briffordd wedi'u nodi yn llun T/14/16/MS sydd wedi'i gynnwys gyda'r atodlenni hyn.

ATODLEN 1

7) Ni fydd unrhyw un yn gyrru na chaniatáu i unrhyw un arall yrru'n gyflymach nag 20 milltir yr awr ar hyd Buttrills Road, Y Barri rhwng man benodol sy'n 40 medr i'r de o'r gyffordd â Barry Road a man arall 70 medr i'r gogledd o'r gyffordd â Gladstone Road - sef pellter o 415 medr i gyd.

ATODLEN 2

Math: Pedair set o glustogau arafu traffig pen gwastad 65mm o uchder x 1.9 medr o hyd x 1750 o led.

Lleoliad: Buttrills Road – mae canol y clustogau oddeutu 117, 271, 350 a 424 medr i'r gogledd o'r gyffordd â Gladstone Road.

Math: Croesfan Pâl lle y mae twmpath pen gwastad 75mm o uchder x 7.5 medr o hyd x 6.0 medr o led.

Lleoliad: Buttrills Road – mae canol y twmpath oddeutu 196 medr i'r gogledd o'r gyffordd â Gladstone Road.

Dyddiedig 14 Awst 2014

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
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The GEM is in partnership with the Dog's Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre ***(tel 01656 725219)***

Pair up with a canine couple!

DOGS Trust Bridgend is urging potential dog owners to do a 'double take' before rehoming a single dog and consider offering a home to a pair.

Dogs have been scampering into the charity's rehoming centre two by two and staff are concerned that they are being overlooked in favour of single dogs.

The centre has three pairs of similar dogs looking for loving homes for life, said Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre manager, Beverley Price.

"It's unusual for us to have so many pairs of the same breed of dog in all at once. Each pair is very attached – like 'two pups in a pod' – so it wouldn't be fair to split them up. They all have such sweet characters and will settle into their new home well with their best friend by their side."

"Rehoming a pair of dogs can be incredibly rewarding. We're appealing to anyone who thinks that they can offer them a home together to please get in touch."

Pairs of dogs looking for new homes include: Poppy and Holly are 10-year-old Yorkshire Terrier sisters who have been together all their lives.

They are sweet natured older ladies who can be a little timid when they first meet people but will soon grow to love you as much as they love each other. They can live with older children and need a quiet home where they can go on gentle walks and potter around the garden.

Six-year-old Angel and Scarlet are nervous dogs, devoted to each other, who need a patient, adult home with experienced owners prepared to devote the time needed to help them settle in and feel part of the family. These beautiful girls will make loving pets in the right homes.

Three-year-old Rosie and Lowmo, four, are a fantastic double act. They are fun-loving affectionate Boxers with boundless energy looking for active owners who will enjoy keeping up with their zest for life.

If you think you could offer a home to one of these pretty pairs, call Dogs Trust Bridgend directly on 01656 725 219 or visit the centre at Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG.

Mixed results for bowlers

RHOOSE Bowls Club Men's team have experienced mixed results in recent matches.

On Wednesday, August 6, they travelled to Murch and produced a convincing win on the grass, securing 12 points.

On Saturday August 9, they were away again in their CDML match at Merthyr. This time they were not successful, only winning on the rink skipped by Ron Ball. This secured two points for the team.

The ladies' team has experienced defeats in their final two league matches. In a heavy defeat to Llantwit Major, the only winning rink was the one skipped by Jo Hopkins.

The final league match at Cadoxton saw them lose on all three rinks. The team did, however, win their final DR match at home against Barry Athletic.

PICNIC FUN WITH PEPPA PIG – *in Welsh!*

PEPPA PIG and Fireman Sam were special guests recently at Welsh medium family fun day held at Palmerston centre, Barry.

Families from all around the Vale dropped in to enjoy a range of activities conducted through the medium of Welsh, including cake decorating, making paper bunting and sewing animal glove puppets. Small children took part in Amser Stori, while the creche staff provided activities for the under-fives.

During the afternoon, the Urdd provided sports and games on the park and the children enjoyed trying different sports; even participating in a yoga lesson at the end of the day!

At teatime, parents and children took a well earned rest and enjoyed a Peppa Pig picnic. Children were invited to bring their teddies and Peppa Pig herself dropped in and enjoyed a dance with the children and a celebrity photoshoot.

Welsh medium activities continue to take place throughout the summer on Monday evenings with a programme of activities including a quiz night on August 11, from 6.30pm; a talk by Gareth Thomas, author of the newly published novel 'A Welsh Dawn' on August 18.

Welsh learners are welcome to join the free revision sessions taking place on the same evenings from 7pm – 9pm.

Excited Welsh speaking children meet Peppa Pig.

BU cyffro mawr yng Nghanolfan Palmerston, Y Barri, pan ddaeth Peppa Pinc a Sam Tân i ymuno yn hwyl y prynhawniau i'r teulu ar Orffennaf 21 a 28.

Daeth teuluoedd o bob cwr o'r Fro i gael tro ar weithgareddau amrywiol gan gynnwys addurno teisennau, gwnio pypedau llaw, gwneud baneri lliwgar, gwrando ar storiau a chwarae yn y feithrinfa.

Trwy gydol y prynhawn cafodd y plant egniol gyfle i drio chwaraeon amrywiol gyda staff yr Urdd yn yr awyr iach, ac hyd yn oed gwneud rhywfaint o Ioga i orffen.

Amser te daeth y plant â'u tedis i gael picnic gyda Peppa Pinc, a chafwyd llawer o hwyl a sbri yn dawnsio a chael tynnu llun gyda'r cymeriad poblogaidd.

Bydd nosweithiau Llun Cymraeg Palmerston yn parhau dros yr haf, gyda noson ffilm ar Awst 4, noson gwis ar yr 11eg, a sgwrs gan yr awdur Gareth Thomas ar y 18fed, yn tafod ei nofel newydd "A Welsh Dawn", sy'n ymwneud â Chymru'r 1950au.

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NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 12 WELSH ST DONATS) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2014

The above order, made on the 18th day of July 2014, under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, will divert part of the Public Footpath No 12 Welsh St Donats running from NGR 302756 176204 to NGR 302627 176338 to a line running from NGR 302809 176289 to NGR 302627 176338 as shown on the order map.

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Family Notices

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Joan

Well-known former shopkeeper of Park Crescent, Barry, died peacefully on August 9th at College Fields Nursing Home; treasured wife of the late Bryn, loving mother of Nigel and Sarah, proud Nana of Peter, Robert and Owen.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. A service of thanksgiving for her life will take place at Barry Crematorium on Tuesday August 19th at 12 noon. Nigel and Sarah request that people wear something colourful to reflect Joan's personality.

Sincere thanks to the compassionate staff of College Fields who have cared for Joan so well and laughed with her so often. The family would welcome donations in lieu of flowers to College Fields Residents' Fund, College Fields Nursing Home, Barry, CF62 8LE.

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David

Peacefully on August 6th at Marie Curie Holme Tower, Penarth with his cherished son Rhys at his bedside, David, devoted husband of the late Glad and special father-in-law of Samie, an adored bampy of Howie and Bump.

David will be missed by all who loved and knew him.

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Albert Austin

Peacefully on August 7, at his home in Rhoose, Bert, beloved husband and best friend of Marian, dearly loved father of Helen and David, dear father-in-law of Richard and Ula, much loved grandfather of Carys and Chloe.

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Robert (Bob)

Suddenly on 4th August, Bob aged 91 years of Llantwit Major. Beloved husband of Rita, much loved dad to David, father-in-law to Eileen. Loving grandad to Tim, Neal and Natalie and a dearly loved great granbob to Danielle, Leo, Ephram, James and Sofia.

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Carla Doonan

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HAZEL

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BARRY Saints played host to the Knap FC on Sunday, which turned out to be a one sided affair.

As there were a few key players missing, it was a chance to see a different style of play. From the outset, the Saints dominated and quick ball was flowing from the hands of Elston to the back four.

With a strong Saints' defence, the Knap never looked likely to threaten them. With high work rate from the middle of Cummings and Evans, Saints went one up and soon found another, through a well-worked goal.

The Saints were now controlling the game and a third and a fourth were to follow just before the halftime whistle.

Manager Long had very little to talk about on the side of the pitch, as the lads had had a great half, and was extremely happy with play.

The second half had plenty more goals in it and the Saints notched a further six for a 10-0 win, and a great end to pre-season.

Saints start their new life in Division 2 with a home game against Railway Wanderers, which will be a hard opener as they look for a third promotion this year. **GL**

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Cowbridge's Sam signs for Bristol Rovers FC!

ABOVE: Sam (right) pictured with classmate Logan Roach, and RIGHT: Putting pen to paper as he signs up with the under-14 academy at Bristol Rovers.

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive schoolboy, Sam Green, has joined classmate Logan Roach at Bristol Rovers FC under-14s academy.

After a brief successful summer trial with the Bristol club, Sam put pen to paper to join the under-14s for the forthcoming season.

He joins Logan, who has already been at the club for a couple of seasons.

Having two boys from the same school year is a great achievement and they are both looking forward to the start of the season.

Both boys are also in the Cardiff and Vale Schoolboys County team.

Bristol Rovers have a very focused youth development pathway and are recognised for bringing through young talent and providing high level opportunities, balanced educational and welfare programmes .

Sam played his club football with Cogan Coronation last season, after starting his football career with Cowbridge Town FC. **GG**

Jonathan serves up a real treat!

HOW many people queueing up for their hog roast bap at Tim Vaughan's recent owner's day at Pant Wilkin Stables at Aberthin recently knew that the man who was serving them was once the former leading amateur rider Jonathan Tudor, of Merthyr Mawr, Bridgend?

Butcher Jonathan, who was well known for his successes on horses such as St Helen's Boy, Andrea's Boy and Precious Link, landed a surprise win in prestigious The Times Hunter Chase at Towcester back in 1988 on St Helen's Boy, which must rank as one of the highlights of his race riding career.

However, one win that Jonathan, who used to play hooker for Cowbridge seconds, will never forget, was his very first in 1983, when he steered home Bright Hope at the South Pembrokeshire Hunt Steeplechases.

And the reason he won't forget? It was his 18th birthday!

These days, Jonathan is still very much involved in hunt-racing, as a leading trainer of point-to-pointers.

BRIAN LEE

Millwood cap off Cup run with victory

MILLWOOD finished their Munro Cup games with a 50 per cent win ratio after this game against Cadoxton.

After the fourth end, Millwood were trailing Cadoxton by eight shots at 11-19, and after the ninth end the deficit had been reduced to only three shots to Cadoxton by 33-36.

On the 13th end there was a swing in the lead to Millwood by four shots to 52-48, and at the 18th end, Millwood had the game won by a 16 shot margin, 74-58.

A big thank you to all players for a very long and sometimes frustrating Munro Cup run; next season is up in the air regarding the change in format, so hopefully there won't be too much change to cope with!

In the last game for Millwood in Division 3 this season, which saw them hoping for a good win to keep them in contention for a high spot in the division, coming away from a difficult away game against a fairly difficult green to read at Ynyscynon saw the team earn a welcome 10-4 win.

The winning margin was a healthy 22 shots, thankfully down to rink one winning by 26 shots.

Millwood were 27 – 12 shots up after the first five ends, keeping the momentum going by leading after 10 ends by 47-31.

They increased the lead after 15 ends by 68-47, ending after 21 ends by the 22 shots margin.

During the Division 3 games this season, Millwood won seven and lost three, but as previously stated, with the new format for the divisions, we'll just have to see where what division we end up in.

Well done to all the players who participated in the season's matches (division 3 and division 5) because without you there wouldn't be a club. Thank you.

The next game is a Division 5 game away to Caerphilly Social, the 'A' side's final Division 5 game.

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BAD RESULT SEES ROMILLY'S TITLE CHANCES DENTED

BARRY Romilly travelled to Ystrad Mynach on August 9 to play their penultimate CML Division League game, looking for a big win to keep their hopes alive of a first league title.

On a decent paced green, Romilly began poorly against a side who were bottom of the league and without a win and found themselves seven shots behind at the fifth end, with only Brian Foscolo's rink ahead.

By the 10th end, the 'Rom' were further behind 30 – 40 with Graham Cogbill's rink struggling and behind by 11 shots, while the rinks of Mel Newman and Jeff Wright were battling hard to stay in touch with their opponents and were down by one and four shots respectively, with Foscolo's rink still ahead by six.

The game continued in the same vein up to the 15th end where the overall score was 46 – 59 in favour of Ystrad, with many of the Romilly players not showing the form which had pushed them to the top of the league.

Between ends 16 and 20 Romilly kept reducing the deficit and by end 20 they were just three behind going into the last end, putting themselves in with a good chance of pulling off a victory.

The final ends saw the rinks of Foscolo and Cogbill pick up three shots each but the rinks of Newman and Wright dropped four shots apiece which was disappointing certainly for Jeff Wright's rink, who had scored 10 shots on the previous five ends without reply to lead by two.

Unfortunately, Romilly lost two more shots to lose overall by five shots, 73 – 78, and collect just two points thanks to the rink of Brian Foscolo winning by 11 shots.

Romilly have lost their chance of the league title but have already ensured their first division place in next year's new league format with only eight teams in each of the divisions playing fourteen games on a home and away basis.

The last league game of the season takes place on Saturday at Romilly Park against Troedyrhiw, starting at 2.30pm. **FP**

Day to forget for the Sully Centurions

SULLY Centurions Cricket Club's 1st XI were grateful to the rain after their match at Rhoose was abandoned at the halfway stage with their opponents, Welsh Asians, in a commanding position.

Centurions' 2nd XI, with only nine men due to all sorts of unavailability, hosted second in the table Newbridge and came off second best in a match that was punctuated with interruptions for rain.

The visitors batted first and racked up a score of 253 for 3, with opener Wellington making a century and James hitting 54.

The bowlers were put to the sword, but young Gethin Hicks continues to impress as he took two wickets from his five overs.

The Centurions' innings was a bit of a disaster, with wickets falling regularly. Ricky Griffett, batting at number three, hit a fine 30 before being bowled by James, but of the rest of the batsmen, only Munim Khan (16) reached double figures and Sully were all out for just 78.

Pick of the Newbridge bowlers was James, who added to his half century with the bat with a return of 3 for 14 off nine overs.

This was definitely one to forget for Centurions.

Sully Centurions II 78 all out, Newbridge II 253-3. **MF**

Ladies day at Wenvoe golf club is a success

LADIES open day at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club is always a popular event and this year was no exception with a good entry rewarded by yet another warm and sunny day.

The stableford competition involved teams of three players with the best two scores to count, and you could almost guarantee a close finish was on the cards.

Local knowledge proved to be a major contribution as Lynda Campbell, Fran Grant and Tina Church, all members of the home club, posted the winning score of 85 points.

Close on their heels were Sheila Davies, Sue Dayananda and Karen Ball, again from Wenvoe Castle, who just missed out with 84 points.

Eirlys Thomas, Joan Bool and Annette Davies from Brynmeadows Golf Club took third place with 80 points.

Lynda Campbell also took the prize for the longest drive on the 18th and Val Evans (Vale of Glamorgan) was nearest the pin, measured at 1.82 metres, on the second hole

A special prize for scoring a two went to three players, Sheila Davies of Wenvoe Castle (second), Val Evans of the Vale of Glamorgan (15th) and Jen Thomas of Cottrell Park (second). Each player received eight balls.

Immediate past club captain Barrie Jones, together with Trish Walker, lady captain, presented the prizes and thanked the members of the ladies and seniors sections for their part in organising the day with special appreciation to Wendy Motton for her management of the event.

Once again, the golf course was presented in a magnificent condition and players were highly complimentary about the quality of the greens, which have a gained a deserved reputation for being the among the best in the region. **BW**

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Mixed week of results for the Millwood bowlers

MILLWOOD A suffered a crushing blow to their hopes of staying in contention towards the top positions in the Division, by losing by 55 shots to Roath Park.

At the fifth end, Millwood were only three shots behind at 18-21, but by the 10th end the margin to Roath Park had gone up to 16, at 30-46.

Millwood could not reduce the deficit and after 15 ends were 41-67 shots adrift, only to lose after the 21st end by 51-106.

This meant the maximum 14 points went to Roath Park leaving Millwood with only two matches left to gain as many points as possible.

DINAS DEFEAT

Again, Millwood found it hard to overcome Dinas Powys, losing this cup game by 22 shots. Millwood only managed to pick up one point, as only one rink managed a draw.

From the fourth end, Millwood were a matter of 24 shots down at 3-27, and after nine ends were a matter of 30 shots adrift at 21-51.

At the end of the 14th, Millwood were 41-70 shots down, but did manage to pull some back to lose 58-80 after the 18th.

WATTSTOWN WINNERS

Millwood ran out victors over Wattstown in this clash between teams fighting to keep high league positions, by a margin of 11 shots, ensuring a valuable 12-2 points total.

Millwood started the game well, and after five ends were 23–13 ahead. After the 10th end, there was a 39 –27 advantage to Millwood. On the 15th end, Millwood had a 57–43 lead, and the game ended with an 11-shot winning margin.

All credit to Wattstown for giving Millwood a very tough game, with both sides pulling off some superb shots.

DH

RHOOSE WIN ONE AND LOSE ONE!

AFTER a week of inactivity, Rhoose Bowls Club men's team travelled to Ystrad Mynach for their CDML Division 4 match.

Although three rinks lost by a slim margin overal, the side won by eight shots, because Ron Ball's rink won by 13. Halfway through the match, the other three rinks had been well behind, but they caught up in dramatic fashion.

Les Parsons Jnr's rink was unlucky to lose by one shot after their third trailed the jack to the opposition on the last end, giving them the vital shot.

With two home matches to play, the team is looking forward with confidence to a high placing in the league.

The ladies' team travelled to BP Sully for their double rink match on Tuesday. Faced with a green with very little grass on it, Rhoose took a while to gauge the weight.

Sue Dance's team were unlucky to lose a close game by just three shots, as on the 14th end the score was 20 shots to 10 in favour of BP.

The other rink found difficulty securing any shots and were trounced 34 shots to 9.

JH

Athletic on for promotion

BARRY Athletic bowls club first team kept up their emphatic form with another two wins over a four day period.

First up for the Athletic was a re-arranged night game at home to fellow title rivals and Carruthers Shield semi-finalists, Whitchurch on August 5.

In a game cut short to 18 ends due to weather conditions and lack of light, it was the Athletic who stamped their authority to lead by 24 shots after just five ends, before a heavy rainfall stopped play for around 30 minutes.

Despite Whitchurch pleas to get the game abandoned, the weather cleared up and the green maintained a superb surface and the game carried on.

The delay affected the home side slightly but in the end they managed to hold on for another comfortable victory to pick up a valuable 13 points to Whitchurch's 1.

Top rink honours went to Dave Snelling, Paul Webley, Ben Parrish and David Wright, who recorded an excellent 20 shot victory over junior international Jonathan Williams and his rink.

Rink scores: J Beanland, J Killin, K Harris and M Clarke 18-18; T Bishop, C Wright, P Rogers and R Horgan 22-18; D Snelling, P Webley, B Parrish and D Wright 31-11; L Peters, D Jones, G Whittaker and G Thomas 19-16. Final score: Barry Athletic (13) 90-63 (1) Whitchurch.

Next up for Athletic was another home encounter against Pontyclun, who came to Barry deeply involved at the wrong end of the table and knowing any points taken would boost their survival hopes.

However, Barry, missing a number of regular first team members, showed their strength in depth this season to secure another massive victory and pick up the maximum 14 points on offer.

All of the home quartets won comfortably but top dogs for the day were Phil Killin, Dan Jones, Geoff Whittaker and the ever impressive Glyn Thomas, beating Alan Malkin and his rink by 25 shots.

Rink scores: T Bishop, G Jones, P Rogers and R Horgan 28-21; D Snelling, D Williams, P Webley and B Parrish 23-10; J Beanland, J Killin, K Harris and M Clarke 25-16; P Killin, D Jones, G Whittaker and G Thomas 34-9. Final score: Barry Athletic (14) 110-56 (0) Pontyclun.

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Cottrell ladies enjoy away trip

COTTRELL PARK ladies were extremely lucky to spend three days away in glorious sunny weather in beautiful countryside at Tracey Park Golf and Country Club near Bath.

This was an extreme contrast to the very wet weather on the away day earlier in the year.

The first day began with bacon rolls and a Texas Scramble competition on the Crown course, won by Vicki Long, Patsie Smith, Helen Evans and Tessa Matthews.

The second day was an individual Stableford competition on the more challenging Cromwell course, for the Lady Cottrella trophy, which was won by Chris Evans with 39 points.

Nearest the pin and the longest drive Category 1 went to Helen Poole and longest drive Category 2 went to Tessa Matthews.

On the final day a return to the Crown course and a team Waltz was played with the winning team Geraldine Twamley, Jen Thomas, Helen Evans and Chris Evans.

Drinks were enjoyed each evening and prizes presented by Jan Cosby, ladies' captain, ably supported by vice captain Helen Poole.

Prior to departure refreshments were enjoyed and thanks were given to Jan and Helen for all their work to ensure everyone had a good time, and to Patsie Smith for organising the competitions. **CB**

Barrivale results

RESULTS from Barrivale Bridge Club for the August 5 annual competition for the Claret Jug and Doughty Bowl:

First, Dave Thomas and Noelle Bond 61.90 per cent; second, Jane Brook and Ken Hannah 57.74 per cent; third, Dave Reed and Mike Close 57.14 per cent. Jane Brook and Ken Hannah won on handicap.

The winners of the Claret Jug and its cash prize of £20, presented by the East Wales Bridge association, were the scratch winners Noelle Bond and Dave Thomas.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. If you would like to join, ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Welsh Petanque Association's friendly against Boules in Gwent

WELSH Petanque Association members played a friendly against the Boules In Gwent (BIG) on Sunday, July 27.

The annual WPA v BIG League Challenge Cup was held at Monkstone Petanque Club (Penylan) in fantastic boules weather conditions.

The BIG teams consisted of players from the Caerleon R.F.C. PC, Wheatsheaf PC, Machen PC, N.H.S.O.B. PC, and PILCS. PC.

The WPA was represented by players from Penarth, Monkstone, The Golden Mile, Pontyclun and Caerleon R.F.C petanque clubs.

After two rounds it was even at 8 – 8. In the third round the WPA forged ahead 15 – 9 winning seven games out of the eight but with 24 games to come there was still everything to play for.

As the weather got hotter so did the WPA, winning six games out of eight in the fourth round.

In the fifth round the WPA continued their form and won another six games out of eight although the results of some of the games were very close.

During the sixth and last round, the BIG rallied to take four games out of the eight but the damage had already been done with the final score being W.P.A with 31 wins and the B.I.G with 17 wins.

The BIG drew three rounds and were unlucky not to win some of the close games.

Trophies were awarded to the top pairs of both opposing sides. With six wins out of six to Liam Milton and Keith Kinset (Monkstone PC) from the WPA, and four wins out of six were taken by the BIG team, Hugh Morris and Mathew Morris (PILCS PC)

The WPA executive thanks the Monkstone PC for their hospitality and hosting the event, and look forward to next year's return competition to be hosted by the Boule in Gwent members. **JS**

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CENTURIONS LOSE OUT IN CLOSE GAME

SULLY Centurions' First XI match was rained off, but the Second XI travelled to Malpas on an overcast day and came off second best in a match that was reduced to 35 overs.

The home side won the toss and put Centurions in to bat, but in just the second over the rains returned and caused a lengthy delay.

On return, Munim Khan, who had reached five, was bowled by Hassan, with the score on just 15. Skipper Dave Sylvester was next to depart, being run out for 18, after putting on 30 with Ricky Griffett.

Griffett and Jas Bassi then put on another 31 before Bassi was caught and bowled in spectacular fashion by Mohindra for 14, with the score on 74. Griffett then shifted up a gear and soon went past the 50 mark - ably supported by Mark Burnett.

The pair shared an entertaining partnership of 84 and both were still there at the close, with Burnett hitting 20 and Griffett pushing on to a well-made 80, including four sixes and five fours, as the innings finished on 160 for 3.

In the Malpas innings, Harri Edwards (2-14) bowled a nice line to frustrate the home openers and was rewarded with the wicket of Simmonds (2) in the fifth over, with the score on 10.

Mohindra batted well and was top scorer on 54. By the time he was out, with the score on 94, Malpas had lost five wickets.

Jones (28) pushed the score along, but Luke Burnett, Dave Sylvester, Josh Bryan and Herbie Miller all chipped in with a wicket each, plus the run out of Margetts, leaving the score on 141 for 7 in the 30th over.

With 20 runs required from the last five overs it proved to be a tense finale, but Hassan (13 not out) and Boothroyd (7 not out) held their nerve and the winning runs came with just two overs to go without further loss of wickets. All in all, a fine game, played in good spirit.

Malpas II 161-7 Sully Centurions II 160-3.

Celts are up and running!

THE Celts Warrior Ultra Trail Races and Survival Run takes place from Kenfig on August 23.

With a distinctive Celtic historical and cultural theme, the event is a 'back to basics' approach to trail running and obstacle racing.

The race starts in the Kenfig Nature Reserve, site of the Kenfig Castle ruin and a recently discovered Iron Age fort, traverses the south Wales coastline to the dunes of Merthyr Mawr and Candleston Castle, and finishes at Ogmore Castle.

"The 25km and 50km 'Dunes and Ruins' trail race options are only runs, but require the runners to carry their own nutrition and filter their own water. The course is tough and rugged and many times takes the path of most resistance, running through the largest sand dunes in the UK," a spokesman explained.

The 'Survival Run' is a 50km+ race with obstacles or challenges along the way. It takes the difficulty of the 50km run, and multiplies it 10x! Challenges are based on the ancient Celts' daily lifestyle, as well as Welsh language, culture and tradition.

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'Winning draw' for first team

COWBRIDGE First XI failed to finish off the opposition on Saturday and in so doing only earned yet another 'winning draw'.

This latest failure, plus a catalogue of dropped catches in previous matches during the season, could well cost them promotion.

Porthcawl First XI provided the opposition and quite a lengthy shower at the start meant that the match was reduced to 46 overs a side.

Tom Merilaht won the toss, decided to bat and Cowbridge proceeded to a healthy score of 283 for 3 declared in 45 overs.

Tom and Mike Lloyd opened the batting and gave the side the usual sound start of 76 runs for the first wicket. Mike (26) was first out in the 15th over and this brought Ben Wright to the crease.

In the next 28 overs, Tom and Ben put together a record-breaking partnership for the second wicket. They put on 187 runs, which broke the previous club record of 183 that was set in 1993-94.

Eventually, Ben was bowled for 100 (17 fours and one six) in the 42nd over. Cowbridge declared in the 45th, and at that point Tom was 113 not out (11 fours and one six).

After tea, the darkening sky looked threatening but produced only a few spots of rain. Both sides reflected the mood of the weather; both threatened but never fulfilled.

Porthcawl made a token gesture of attempting to attack such a huge total, but never got near. Only one batsman, Rob Jones (54), carried any threat as they crawled to 150 for 6 in 46 overs.

Cowbridge threatened to win the match but failed, as they could not capture the remaining wickets.

The afternoon eventually drew to a yawning and frustrating close with only the dark clouds threatening any kind of result.

So another 'winning draw' for Cowbridge, but in the gloom the delightful batting of Tom Merilaht and Ben Wright will live long in the memory.

This week Cowbridge First XI travel west to play Swansea Civil Service.

DL

Grey day for the Vale firsts

A weakened Vale 1st XI suffered a comprehensive defeat at the hands of Ponthir on a grey day in every sense.

Having won the toss Vale skipper Paul Sheppard elected to bat first but soon lost an early wicket as Paul Gilbert departed early on for 2. Ollie Pike, promoted to three, played positively but when on 17 was yorked with the Vale score on 28.

This bought Sheppard to the wicket to join Matthew Gilbert and these two rebuilt the innings against some accurate bowling. Progress was slow but an 85 run partnership was finally broken when Sheppard was run out after making a very good 54.

At the loss of this wicket, with the score on 113 after 37 overs, acceleration was needed to get the Vale to a competitive score. Billy Yates scored 2 and Mark Francis scored 7, both perishing in the pursuit of quick runs, but it was Matt John who came in and accelerated the run rate with some powerful hitting.

Matthew Gilbert's 121 ball innings ended when he was clean bowled for 53 after playing a solid anchor role and at the close Vale finished on 183-8 off their 50 overs. Matt John's excellent innings of 34 not out came off only 23 balls.

Vale needed to start well in the field but with the weather looking that it might close in, Ponthir came out in a positive frame of mind and looked to attack from the onset.

Quick runs ensured as Ponthir reached 50 in only six overs. Pike picked up the first wicket and a second soon followed as a short ball was mistimed with Matthew Gilbert taking the catch. However, the runs continued to flow and apart from a very good return catch taken by Matthew Gilbert, there was very little to cheer the Vale faithful.

Vale's bowling figures were Ollie Pike 7-1-37-2, Mark Francis 5-0-37-0. Luke John 5-0-36-0, Matthew Gilbert 7-0-43-1 and Matt John 3.2-0-24-0.

Ponthir surpassed Vale's total in only the 27th over completing a comprehensive victory by seven wickets.

MF

Successful year for tennis club

SUMMER tennis leagues have drawn to a close with the start of the school holidays and it has been another great year for Cowbridge Tennis Club teams.

All four teams gained promotion last year and with the introduction of a men's team, 2014 was always going to be a battle to stay in our new leagues. However, thanks to a great club set up we've seen the quality of the tennis at the club improve yet again and not only did all teams manage to at least maintain their position, but the men's teams gained promotion.

Captained by Louise Hailstone, the ladies' first team picked up an outstanding third place in Ladies' Division two, supported by 11 wins from Alison Kurobasa, while Nonie Hempson and Karen James played every match.

The ladies' second team had a very tough battle in the expanded Division five, and Janet Booth's fine captaincy managed to hold their place for next season through some fine play all round, with Jenny Lord leading the squad in both wins and matches played.

There was concern on the men's side that introducing a third team would stretch the club too far and would result in the teams being unable to field squads towards the end of the season, but careful management and player rotation ensured we didn't tire players early in the season.

The men's first team were promoted into the Premier Division three in 2013 and 2014 was expected to prove very tough. With a core of eight players, and drawing on the second team squad when necessary, Ian Duggan led the team to promotion for the fifth year running, with Anthony James picking up 17 wins from 19 matches.

The men's second team followed similar tactics, needing a core of 12 players and drawing on the thirds for help when required. Star of Henry Mehta's team was Warren Davies, picking up 12 wins from 14 matches. After finishing second, the team will be moving up to Division four for 2015.

David Buick picked up the captaincy for the first season of the men's third team, and through selection of young players with wise tactical players, steered the lads through to promotion at their first attempt; Rhys Williams led the way with 11 wins from 14 matches.

We cannot mention the contribution of everyone who has helped this summer but a heartfelt thank you and well done to all 54 players who helped us during another fine season.

If you're interested in trying out tennis, we are running tennis camps throughout the summer and have a comprehensive autumn term schedule for juniors of all age groups throughout the week.

Adult beginners are very welcome to come along and try out on Tennis Xpress sessions, a six week course that teaches all the basics of doubles tennis and prepares you to move onto our intermediate course.

Alternatively, you can try out cardio tennis, a high intensity fitness session to music on the tennis court. For more information on all opportunities, visit the website cltc.webs.com.

Henry Mehta

COWBRIDGE DARTS LEAGUE PREPARES FOR NEW SEASON

AGM

THIS Friday, August 15, the Cowbridge Darts League AGM will be held at the Edmondes Arms at 8.15pm.

All previous teams planning to register to play again in the forthcoming 2014-2015 season are requested to attend. An open invitation goes out to any new team wishing to join the league.

To play in the league, a team must register a minimum of six players and identify the pub that will host you. All matches are played on a Tuesday evening from September to May.

Last season's league champions were Llanharry, with the Edmondes 'B' as runners-up. In the team knockout competitions: Great Western Cup winners were Llanharry, with the The Cross Inn runners-up.

Fours winners were Edmondes 'A' (Steve Simmonite, Cedric Simmonite, Trevor Morgan and Lee Harding) with the Hare and Hounds (Simon Reader, John Izzard, Jon Williams and Rob McCaver) runners-up.

In the individual players' knockout competitions: CBT winners were Rosie McCaver, Paul Ward and Jon Williams (Hare and Hounds) with Linda Smith, Nick Smith and John Davies (Edmondes 'C') runners-up.

Mixed doubles winners were Pam Rosser and John Davies (Edmondes 'C') with Pam Adams and Tony Fox (Farmers Arms) runners-up.

Men's doubles winners were Paul Newton and Tony Denscombe (Llanharry) with Stephen Newton, Victor John and Mike Newth (Llanharry) runners-up.

Ladies' doubles winners were Ann Hustwick and Joan Burt (Old Post Ladies) with Pam Adams, Joan Smith and Maureen Fleming (Farmers Arms) runners-up.

Men's singles winner was John Davies (Edmondes 'C') with Cedric Simmonite (Edmondes 'A') the runner-up. Ladies' singles winner was Maggie Drumend (Edmondes 'A') with Daisey Repke (Edmondes 'C') the runner-up. Captain's Cup winner was Lee Davies (Llanharry) with Steve Simmonite (Edmondes 'A') the runner-up.

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Lady bowlers see a mixed bag of results

IN their matches this week, the ladies of Cowbridge Bowls Club gained one win, one draw, and lost one by only a quarter of a point.

In their league match at home to Millwood, they won 81-22, winning on two rinks and only losing by one shot on the third rink.

The rink with Lynda Wilson, Jan Lewis, Joy Woolford and skip Shirley Wilkinson won 37-6, and the rink with Diane Purnell, Kay Edwards, Sandra Collin and skip Sue Flower won 34-6.

The rink that only just lost by one shot, with a score of 10-11, was Lin Wallace, Diane Lloyd, Sylvia Hole and skip Pat Holdsworth.

In their CCS match at home to Pengelli, they just lost by 1/4 of a point. Pengelli only had three players on one rink so had to lose 1/4 of their score, winning 17 1/4-13, with the 1/4 being enough to win the match.

Rink scores were Diane Lloyd, Sian Lewis, Kay Edwards and skip Pat Holdsworth, who won 20-11, skip Joy Woolford's rink lost 13-17 1/4, and skip Janet Morton's rink lost 13-18.

In their league match away at Barry Central the ladies had a good draw, 39-39, with two winning rinks.

Skip Shirley Wilkinson's rink with Diane Purnell, Caryl Davies and Joy Woolford, won 14-10, and skip Sue Flower's rink with Shirley Dunsworth, Diane Lloyd and Kay Edwards, won 17-9; skip Anne Jarvis' rink lost 8-20.

On Sunday, eight ladies played in the ladies charity fours held at Whitchurch Bowling Club.

Despite the bad weather it was an enjoyable day, and £1,400 was raised and donated to Down's Syndrome Association.

Playing in their Munro Cup match away at Barry Athletic on an excellent green, the men lost 41-82, losing on all four rinks. Scores: skip Mike Bradley's rink 16-21; skip Dennis Snelling's rink 11-16; skip Norman Wilkinson's rink 8-22; skip John Trott's rink 6-23.

We then won our first league match on our new green, beating Treharris 84-69, winning on three rinks and drawing on one, to gain 13 very valuable points.

The rink with Charles Sanders, Peter Launder, Brian Williams and skip Steve Dickens won 21-13, skip Mike Bradley's rink with Clive Pritchard, Brian Kent and Guy Morton won 25-19, after picking up 10 shots on the last four ends.

On the rink with Mansel Davey, Byron Richards, John Jones and skip Dennis Snelling, they won 17-16, and after a hard fought game the rink with Ron Frayling, Bryan Hole, Colin Wilson and skip Norman Wilkinson drew 21-21, picking up seven shots on the last four ends. Well done lads!

Our last league match is at home to Beddau, with hopefully another win.

The ladies recently held a coffee morning in aid of the British Heart Foundation and raised £446. Many thanks to all who helped make it a success.

We are a very happy mixed club and will always welcome new members.

NJW

Penllyn Bridge club results

PENLLYN Bridge Club results for July were as follows:

Thursday July 3 (17 pairs) - First: Alban & Gwenyth Wilde 61.36%; second: Brian Tucker & Mike Baron 55.71%; third: Helen Owen & Penny Jarvis 54.87%.

Thursday July 10 (22 pairs) - First: Dorothy Williams & Pam Hanmer 58.64%; joint second: Marian East & Barbara Easterbrook/Helen & Mike Ruttley 57.5%.

Thursday July 17 (19 pairs) - First: Judith & Colin Nunn 64.77%; second: Penny Jarvis & Helen Owen 61.25%; third: Brian Tucker & Mike Baron 57.81%

Thursday July 24 (14 pairs) - First: Gill Wybrow & Barbara Easterbrook 57.95%; second: Phil & Lou Edwards 56.06%; third Colin Easterbrook & Viv Roberts 56.06%.

Thursday July 31, Robert Brown Cup (15 pairs) - First: Alban & Gwenyth Wilde 60.61%; second: Sally Kennedy & Liz Fine 56.82%; third: Joyce Hollway & Ian Dunglinson 56.06%.

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